



# WHEN the TIME had FULLY COME



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Dr. Dorcas Lohr, Interin Associate Pastor and Liturgist today

Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Marie Acquilano and Elizabeth Mayse, Acolytes today

January 1, 1989

11:00 a.r.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Three Carols" arr. Gordon Youn
Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist today

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright"
Michael Praetoriu

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. God is calling us to celebrate the past, the present, the future. Let us thank God for the past: for friendships established, for the gifts of time and health, for being with us through trials and sufferings.
- P. For all that has taken place this past year--THANKS!
- L. Let us thank God for the future, a new life full of hope.

P. For all that is yet to be--YES!

L. Let us celebrate the present moment which can be filled with all the fullness of Christ.

P. For the gift of the moment--HALLELUJAH!

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Jnison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you offer us a new beginning, a new year, and yet we approach it with hesitant steps and fearful aution. We often prefer the known past to the unknown future. With all good intentions we make resolutions and promises, yet they are all too easily broken and forgotten. We hope that this year will be better than the last, yet we have a deep down fear that it may be worse. We feel unprepared and unready for what may come our way.

Lord God, come to us in our weakness and fear. Give us he strength to face another year. Show us a new future; how us how to begin again. Fill us where we feel drained f energy. Guide us and hold us in our promises. Be

resent with us, O Lord. Amen.

ime for Reflection and Prayer

ssurance of Pardon

loria Patri (#513)

## WITNESS OF FAITH

"Little Jesus Came to Town" Paul Sjolund

rayer

nthem

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ffertory "O Little Town of Bethlehem" William Held

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

mn 454 "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ripture Readings: I Samuel 2:18-26, Luke 2:41-52

rmon "The Two-Faced God"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ne Sacrament of The Lord's Supper Using Liturgy A

mn 290 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

nediction

\*Choral Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"
Alice Jora

\*Postlude "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" Johann Waltl

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### COMMUNION LITURGY A

inister:

Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord, that when he was at table with two of the disciples, he took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

eople:

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know him in the breaking of bread.

inister:

For the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and, when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Lift up your hearts.

eople:

We lift them to the Lord.

inister:

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

eople:

It is good that we do.

nister:

We give you thanks, Lord God, our Creator, for bringing the worlds into being, for forming us in your likeness, for recalling us when we rebel against you, and for keeping the world in your steadfast love. We praise you especially for Jesus Christ; who was born of Mary and lived as one of us; who knew exactly the life we know, and yet was obedient to your purposes, even to his death on a cross. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory by raising him in power and by making him head over all

things. We rejoice in the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit, in the Church you have gathered, in its task of obedience, and in the promise of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy Name, saying

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty; The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High.

Minister: Therefore bless now, by your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and remain faithful to the tasks he sets before us.

All: In the strength Christ gives we offer ourselves to you, giving thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Minister: Through the broken bread we participate in the Body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Come, for all things are ready.

(Each communicant will partake of the bread when served, symbolizing our individual brokenness. We will partake of the wine together, symbolizing our unity in Christ).

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Mr. Chester C. Huey by Mrs. Huey.

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting following the service this morning to elect to posts that had not been filled by the Nominating Committee at our prior meeting.

To the Board of Deacons 3 yrs. (89-91)
Deanna Hammond

To the Board of Trustees

Cary Matlock 2 yrs. (89-90)
W. J. Andes 3 yrs. (89-91)

REMINDER:

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The Church Office will be closed tomorrow.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Heidi Danieley

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 1 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 noon Congregational Meeting

Mon., Jan. 2 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 3

Tues., Jan. 3 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 4

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 1989 Galatians 4:4

What time is it in your life? New Year's Day is the right time for self-assessment. But, done honestly, it may feel like "the morning after." Though you may think of yourself as an outcast, in this very season God in Christ has called you by name. If, in your momentous surprise, you can really cry out "Father!" you will know a new life of peace and will discover that you have brothers and sisters in many lands and in many tongues.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

#### **BASIC SUPPORT**

Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support is basic. It provides the chief continuing financial support for the structures as well as the major programs of almost all United Church of Christ conference and national bodies. Without Basic Support, the ministries of the United Church of Christ would be severely curtailed, perhaps to the point where there would be:

- \*No General Synod
- \*No conference annual meetings
- \*No association work
- \*No overseas mission: schools, hospitals, etc.
- \*No new churches
- \*No UCC church school curriculum materials
- \*No ministerial placement assistance
- \*No conference camping facilities or program
- \*No campus ministries
- \*No UCC worship resources
- \*No UCC hymnals
- \*No United Church News
- \*No Washington, D.C. advocacy programs
- \*No stewardship enlistment materials
- \*No Commission on Development
- \*No UCC historical archives
- \*No leadership training workshops
- \*No visiting missionary speakers
- \*No evangelism and church growth resources

Basic Support is basic, indeed.



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January 8, 1989

11:00 a.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: Cantata: Befiehl dem, Engel dass er komm' (Command Thine Angel, That He Come)

Dietrich Buxtehu William Walt

A Litany: Drop, Slow Tears

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms
Introit: Haec Dies! (Hail! Feast Day)

William By

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Christ did not come into the world to be served but to serve.

P. Christ is in our midst this morning as one who serves.

. We celebrate our Servant Lord by worshipping God.

P. Let us sing and pray until we too have become servants:

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

\*Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

## CONFESSION AND FURGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

You have given us many gifts, O Lord, and we have faile to thank you. We have envied the gifts of others, and wish-d for what we do not have. We have eaten our food without tasting it and worn our clothes without appreciati them. We have taken baths without remembering those who

## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

Minister: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,

but the same Lord is served.

People: There are different ways of serving but the

same Lord is served.

Minister: There are different abilities to perform service,

but the same God gives ability to each of us for

our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in

each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body which has many parts. Minister:

It is still one body even though it is made up of

different parts.

linister: If one part of the body suffers, all the other

parts suffer with it: if one part is praised, all

the other parts share its happiness.

eople: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a

part of it.

linister: These persons have been called by God, through their election by our congregation. They have

accepted their call and stand before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the Church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to

serve in Christ's name and for his glory?

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People:

I am so prepared, with God's help.

inister: Do you promise to exercise your ministry dilligently and faithfully, showing forth the

love of Christ?

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I do so promise, trusting in the Holy Spirit to help me.

Minister:

(Addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them by standing in witness to the commitment we now make.

People:

(standing) We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, come forward.)

Minister:

The laying on of hands is a symbolic act whereby the Church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men, and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon you for the office of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on eacl one in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of Deacon in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God you have called these persons to serve you in this Household of Faith, and in the world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon us all as we adventure together in this new year for Elon College Community Church. Empower these person as they begin their duties. Energize your church to prosper in mission and service. Enabl us all to be worthy of the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Carol Dollar

Nursery next Sunday: Heidi Danieley

The Burlington Area Laymen's Fellowship will meet January 26, 1989 7:00 p.m. at Shallowford Church.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan.	8	-	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Board of Christian Ed Board of Deacons
Mon.,	Jan.	9	-	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Jan.	10	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Jan.	11	-	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal Troop 51 Committee Meeting
Thurs.,	Jan.	12	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees



have no plumbing, and we have greeted friends and loved ones without breathing a prayer for our relationships. We have used the resources of the earth with no thought for replacing them. Forgive us for our selfish, thoughtless, and shallow ways. Help us to live with the integrity of true repentance and the joy of a greater faithfulness, through Christ's Spirit. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem: Simple Gifts Shaker Tune arr. by René Clausen

Prayer

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

**Offering** 

Offertory: Verleigh Uns Freiden (Grant Us Thy Peace)

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

'Hymn 358 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4

Sermon "Going Beyond Mourning"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Service of Installation and Ordination see insert

Solo "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

Ray Covington

Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (stanzas 1,2,3)

Benediction

Choral Response "Father, We Thank Thee" William Albright

Postlude Epiphany Suite: "Alleluias" Charles Tournemire

\*The congregation may stand at these points

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 8, 1989 Luke 3:16

The Gospels interweave Jesus' ministry and ours. And they intertwine water baptism with a heavenly one. "Baptized by the Holy Spirit" characterizes Jesus' ministry and begins it. We are promised God's guiding Spirit in baptism, but only through painful prayer and genuine, costly community. But let us pray carefully, because the Holy Spirit empowers not just warm emotion but also controversial action.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

#### ITINERATION

"Will someone hit the lights, please?"

Blinking their eyes as the room filled with light, the youth fellowship shifted their chairs from the screen to the woman standing next to the slide projector.

"Any questions about our mission in India?"

After a few minutes' dialogue with the visitor, the young people moved to the kitchen counter where doughnuts and cider had been laid out.

Ignoring the refreshments, one of the group's sponsors, a university senior, cornered the visiting missionary and pressed her with questions.

Their animated discussion was interrupted when the group was called to form a circle for the evening devotions. But the university student resumed his probing questions as the young people grabbed their coats and headed boisterously for the doors.

A few months later, the missionary returned to India. Eleven months after that, the university student, now a graduate, took a teaching position in a church-sponsored school in Africa.

When a missionary on home assignment visits a local church, unexpected and wonderful things happen.

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission help facilitate missionary visitors to our congregations.

GIFTED FOR THE

COMMON GOOD

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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Don Danley and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today Rev. J. C. Dollar, Liturgist today

January 15, 1989

11:00 a.m

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on 'Light Divine' Healey Willa Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Down to Earth" Austin C. Lovelac

Responsive Call to Worship

L. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

P. There is a feeling of life and wholeness here that we need for living.

L. There is a sense of Christ's presence here that renews our spirits.

P. Let us rejoice in his presence and sing the glories of his name!

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

\*Hymn 97 "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God of light and shadow, we confess to you the shadowy side of our make-up. Our thoughts are often gloomy when they should be joyous. Our judgments of other persons are often grudging when they should be generous. Our sharing of self is often minor when it should be major. Our time

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All those planning to attend the Habitat for Humanity Supper in our Parish House on January 23rd please contact Richard McBride to make reservations.

The FUN CLUB will meet Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the Choral Room. Dr. Paul Cheek will present the program.

Nursery today: Heidi Danieley

Nursery next Sunday: Verona Danieley

Children's Church today: Louis Wilkins

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 15 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
4:00 p.m. 4th & 5th Grade Girls
4:00 p.m. Board of Missions
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Mon., Jan. 16 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts

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Tues., Jan. 17 10:30 a.m. Fun Club 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thurs., Jan. 19 7:00 p.m. Afterschool Committee

Sun., Jan. 22 6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner ANNUAL MEETING



for practicing your presence is often splintered when it should be whole. Forgive us the darkness of our ways, we pray, and let the Light of the World shine in our hearts. For in your kingdom there is no dimness of spirit or shadow of doubt. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Let Us Eyer Walk With Jesus"

Paul Manz

Prayer

A Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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"The Wilderness"

Eric Thiman

Ruth Thomas, guest soloist Jane Lohr, accompanist

Text: Isaiah 35:1,2,6,8,10

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

ymn 405 "Master, No Offering, Costly and Sweet" Children third grade and younger leave for Children's nurch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ripture Reading John 2:1-11

"When Jesus Comes to a Wedding"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

mn 404 "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

nediction

rmon

oral Response "I Want a Song"

John Ferguson

stlude "Introduction in G Major" William Walond

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 1989 1 Corinthians 12:7

God is at work in the world through us. Each person and congregation is gifted, but not equally nor in the same manner. The gifts of the Spirit include the mind and the will as well as the emotions, actions in the world as well as in the church. The apostle also warns us, Americans as well as Corinthians, not to try to fence God in by our false pride, false humility, or self-aggrandizement and fanaticism. God will not paint by the numbers or inside the lines we draw in our Bibles.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

#### JUSTICE AND PEACE APPEAL

"For the evils of racism, poverty, and militarism to die, a new set of values must be born."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

The United Church of Christ Just Peace Appeal honors the witness of the great civil rights martyr, Martin Luther King, Jr., as it seeks to respond to God's call for *shalom*.

At the beginning of a new year, when many United Church of Christ congregations receive the 1989 Just Peace Appeal, it is well to point to the steps already taken toward reaching Dr. King's goals.

Participating congregations that retained one-quarter of their gifts for local justice and peacemaking activities in 1988, as well as the conferences, can report on their own efforts.

The national share of the Just Peace Appeal has supported a number of significant programs, including:

\*Education for disarmament, including support of the INF treaty ratification and an end to space weapons programs;

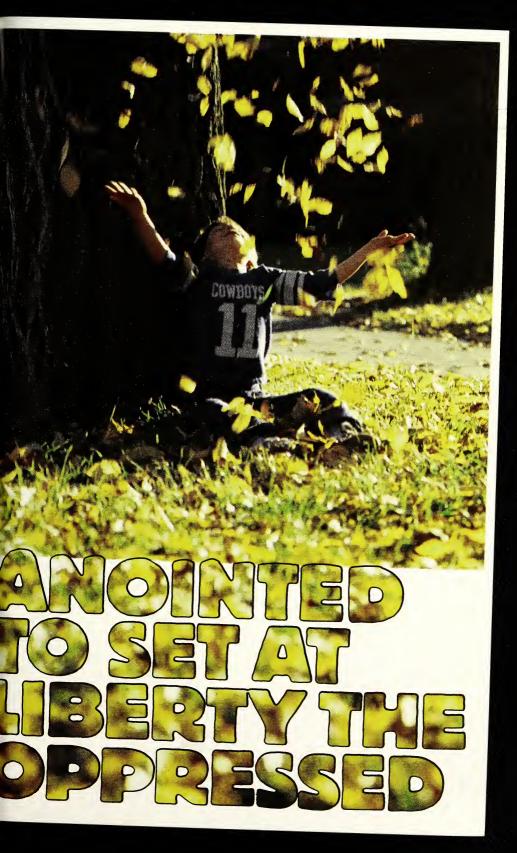
\*Promoting human rights ministries in Latin America as part of an overall struggle for peace and justice:

\*Empowering women for leadership in the church at all levels, from local congregation to global church;

\*Promoting human rights for the Palestinian people by showing the human face of women in the Occupied Territories;

\*Implementing the General Synod resolution supporting the United Nations and its role in promoting justice and peace.

Many other worthy programs await the support that only we can provide through the Just Peace Appeal.



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January 22, 1989

11:00 a.m.

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "We Pray Now To The Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxtehude Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "God Himself is With Us" Joachim Neander

# CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Reading: Genesis 1:9-12 and I Chronicles 29:10-14

Litany (see insert, page 2)

"O Worship the King" \*Hvmn 6

# RECONCILIATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH

Reading: Matthew 5:3-9

Litany (see insert, pages 2 and 3)

"Bless O Lord Us Thy Servants" Martin How Anthem

A Time With Children

Dr. Lohr

# CARING FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA

James 2:5, 8-9, 12-17 Reading

Litany (see insert, page 1)

Offering

Offertory Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham" Healey Willan

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" \*Hvmn 437 (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### AN INVITATION

The President-elect and Mrs. Bush ask you to join with them in observing the National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Nation on January 22, 1989. At eleven that Sunday morning they will be worshipping in the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C. The enclosed outline of the ecumenical service contains suggested scripture readings and the full texts of the three responsive prayers in litany form to be used to accompany the three themes of the service: CARING THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA: CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION; and RECONCILIATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH. It is our hope that you will find this material helpful in planning your services for that morning, and feel free to use parts or all of it in any form you wish.

> The Bishop and Provost of Washington Cathedral Mt. St. Alban, Washington, D. C.

## CARING FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA

READING

James 2: 5, 8-9, 12-17

LITANY

Let us place before Almighty God, our nation, and its people.

O God, the Father of all, Creator of all, we beseech you to behold America; her people gathered from the corners of the earth; people of all ages, races, tongues, and faiths:

BEHOLD AMERICA, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

The laborers and farmers, merchants and builders, keepers of homes and families, and the healers of body and soul; the artists and writers, scientists and teachers, and the leaders and protectors of this republic, and its several states and many communities:

BEHOLD AMERICA, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

For constant remembrance of the poor and neglected, the old and the sick, and those oppressed by terror, disease or injustice; that we may endeavor to heal the broken, and ease the sorely burdened; WE PRAY TO YOU. O LORD.

Behold, O Father, our land, our America. Bless her always with sound strength and sure purpose; and grant that we, her people, use our wisdom and courage to nourish and preserve her as a haven of freedom and justice and peace. THANKS BE TO GOD, AMEN.

## CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

READING

Genesis 1: 9-12 and I Chronicles 29: 10-14

LITANY

Behold, O Lord, your creation, "this fragile Earth, our island home"; behold its volcanic peaks and fertile plains; its forest, rivers, inland seas, and ocean depths and shores; and above all, its atmosphere, so vital, yet so vulnerable a safeguard; BEHOLD OUR EARTH, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

Most gracious God, for the beauty of this earth, its sky and sea, and for the richness of its minerals and energy sources, and the abundance of its living things in all manner of kind; WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD.

O God of Wisdom, we pray that you might teach us to know and to respect the delicate balance of your creation, so that our ignorance can be overcome through education and conservation, thereby restraining our exploitation and abuse of natural resources.

WE PRAY TO YOU. LORD GOD.

Hallalujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *PRAISE HIM IN THE HEIGHTS*.

Praise him sun and moon; PRAISE HIM ALL YOU SHINING STARS.

Praise him heaven of heavens; AND YOU WATERS ABOVE THE HEAVENS.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; FOR HE COMMANDED, AND THEY WERE CREATED.

All things come from you, O Lord; AND OF YOUR OWN HAVE WE GIVEN YOU, AMEN.

## RECONCILIATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH

READING

Matthew 5: 3-9

#### LITANY

O God of all goodness and grace, who alone can save us from the sins that stand between us and your benediction, grant us the blessedness which is offered to us, the undeserving, who trust the promise of your Word. For a teachable and humble spirit, quick to see within us and around us the signs of the Kingdom of God,

WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

For a heart that mourns with those who suffer, and for a conscience that takes upon itself the burden of human sin, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

For faith that the world shall not be inherited by the violent and cruel, but by those whom your gentleness makes great, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

For hunger and thirst after righteousness that shall not cease until your purpose is fulfilled.

WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

For the spirit of forgiveness and mercy that comes from you alone, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

For patient understanding, and for reconciling grace by which all may learn to live as your children in a world at peace, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples; that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, WE PRAY TO YOU, O LORD. AMEN.

# THE CLOSING LITANY BEFORE THE BLESSING

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly pray that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth your praise among the nations.

WE PRAY TO YOU, O GOD.

For your loving care and keeping of the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad; that daily they be defended by your heavenly grace. WE PRAY TO YOU, O GOD.

With thanksgiving to you, we are ever mindful of the freedom of choice that our system of government affords in the selection of leadership, and the responsibility it places on all of us to respect and cherish that freedom. THANKS BE TO GOD.

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; we commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our President, George, and our Vice President, Dan, wisdom and strength to know and do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear. HEAR US, WE BESEECH YOU, GOOD LORD.

Behold, O Father, our land, America. Bless her always with sound strength and sure purpose, and grant we, her people, the wisdom and courage to nourish and preserve this country as a haven of justice and peace.

THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.

The following proposed mission statement is the outgrowth of the work by interested members of the congregation last August under the leadership of Dr. Martin Shotzberger. A revision committee consisting of Carey Andes, Paul Cheek, Mary Shaw Cunningham, J. Earl Danieley, Ken Harper, John Irvine and Beth Wilkins will present this to the congregation at its Annual Meeting tonight for its consideration.

The mission of this church shall be

to worship God,

to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ,

to draw people into his love,

to enable people to grow in Christian discipleship,

to promote wise stewardship of our resources and environment,

to render loving service toward humankind,

to realize Christian unity in this church and with the Church universal.

and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	12:1 4:0 5:0	00 a.m.	Church School Worship Service Discover Fellowship 4th & 5th Grade Girls Youth Group Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner and Annual Meeting
Mon.,	6:0	00 p.m.	Prayer Group Habitat for Humanity Dinne Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts

Tues., Jan. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thurs., Jan. 26 - 7:00 p.m. District Men's Fellowshir Shallowford UCC

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12:12-30

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Sermon "The Fine Art of Being a Helper" Dr. Irvine

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" Closing Litany (see insert, page 3)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Day By Day" Harold W. Friedell

\*Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Max Reger

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THE DISCOVER FELLOWSHIP will meet today at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish House for lunch and discussion on What Religion and God means to you.

There will be a <u>COVERED DISH FELLOWSHIP SUPPER</u> followed by the Annual Meeting of the Congregation at 6:00 p.m. tonight in the Parish House. Everyone is invited, whether or not you are a member of this church.

Nursery today: Verona Danieley Nursery next Sunday: Andrea Albertson

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 1989 Luke 4:18

Jesus is the Word made flesh. Despite nice words, the people almost lynched him. We, too, get angry when the Spirit challenges our established order and expectations. The hostages to economic injustice, to imprisoning addiction, to numbing hopelessness--they see good news in Jesus when they can experience it through the church's Spirit-filled risk-takers. The body of Christ will always need conservative trustees but it will also need to anoint in every generation troublesome, loving liberators.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

#### **EXODUS HOMES**

A runaway, homeless teenager faces many risks on the streets, according to Rev. Tom Behrens, director of Chicago's Northside Ecumenical Night Ministry, a coalition of fifteen local Protestant and Roman Catholic churches. Drug-dealing leads to violent death; prostitution to fatal disease. If he or she doesn't find a home within a year, the teenager will probably die.

Tom learned those facts the painful way. Teenage runaways were literally dying on the streets of his "parish" on the north side of the Windy City. His response was the Exodus Homes project, a model

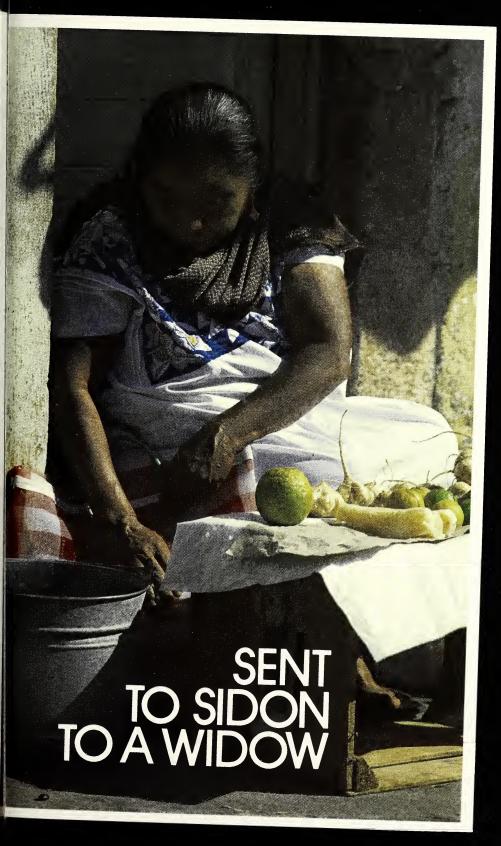
emergency shelter program for homeless youth.

The idea is to involve churches—entire congregations—in providing temporary homes for youth referred by the Ministry's staff. Only a few families have the means personally to accommodate a runaway teenager. But every member of each participating church can provide assistance and support for the families that do.

A demonstration project, Exodus Homes is intended to provide a model of ministry to enable churches in other cities to save the lives

of runaway youth.

With our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries supports this vital work.



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January 29, 1989

11:00 a

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "The Church of Christ Is One"

Stanley T

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The church gathers in the name of Jesus Christ.

P. We come because we have been called to follow him.

L. We come to worship God in his name.

P. We come to praise and sing, pray and listen, and leave refreshed for Christian service.

L. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

\*Hymn 251

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

I ask to be forgiven, O Lord, for the hold of cynicism on my life; for the way I distrust the motives of others, attributing to them the darkness of my own thoughts; for the skepticism with which I hear the biblical word and the stories of others' faith; for my failure to believe that you can make my life new and beautiful this day, and cause me to live with power and joy. Sometimes my life is a misery, Lord, because of my unbelief. Help me to be committed to you, and to find delight and innocence through purity of heart. For your love's sake, Amen.

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Nursery today: Andrea Albertson Nursery next Sunday: Robin McCraw

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 29 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time
Youth Room
12:15 p.m. Youth
4:00 p.m. 4th & 5th Grade Girls

Mon., Jan. 30 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

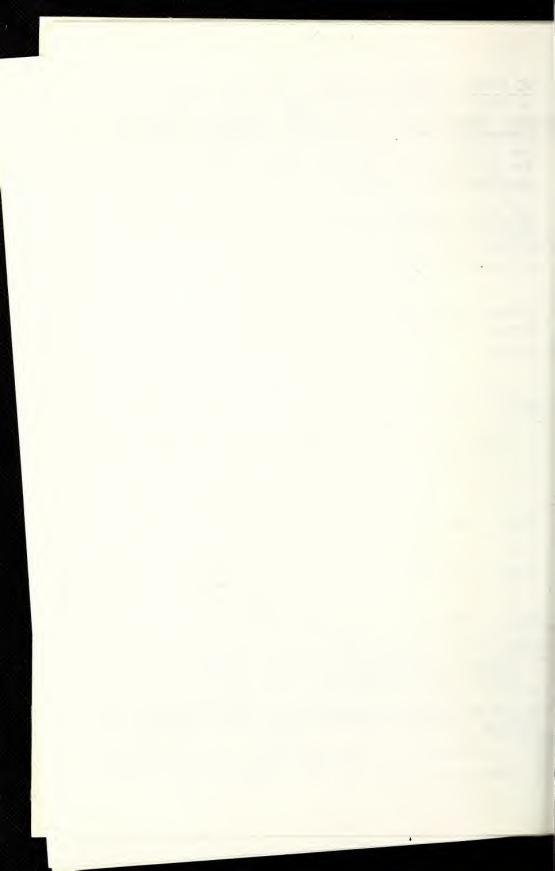
Tues., Jan. 31 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Pack Meeting

Wed., Feb. 1 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thurs., Fri., & Sat., Feb. 2, 3, 4 - Burlington Literacy Group Training Session. 6:30-9:30 - Thurs., Fri.; 9:00-3:00 - Sat.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthex.



### SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

Minister: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,

but the same Lord is served.

People: There are different ways of serving but the

same Lord is served.

Minister: There are different abilities to perform service,

but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in people:

each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body which has many parts. linister:

It is still one body even though it is made up of

different parts.

linister: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it: if one part is praised, all

the other parts share its happiness.

eople: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a

part of it.

These persons have been called by God, through their election by our congregation. They have accepted their call and stand before us in

witness to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the Church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to

serve in Christ's name and for his glory?

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inister:

People:

inister:

I am so prepared, with God's help.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry dilligently and faithfully, showing forth the

love of Christ?

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I do so promise, trusting in the Holy Spirit to help me.

(Addressing the congregation) Members of this Minister: household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them by standing in witness to the commitment we now make.

People:

(standing) We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we ma be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, come forward.)

Minister:

The laying on of hands is a symbolic act whereb the Church in every age recognizes God's call t ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them th gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon you for the office of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on eac one in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equi you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of Deacon in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God you have called these persons to serve you in this Household of Faith, and in th world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon us all as we adventure together in this new year for Elon College Community Church. Empower these person as they begin their duties. Energize your church to prosper in mission and service. Enabl us all to be worthy of the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# ETHICS IN AMERICA

# DO UNTO OTHERS



Christians are called to be attentive to the needs of their neighbors and to serve them in the spirit of love. Although there are many guidelines to the thrust and meaning of Christian ethics in the Scriptures and in the traditions of the church, believers must wrestle anew every day with what ethical actions to take in concrete situations. The first episode of "Ethics in America" explores personal ethics as a panel confronts a series of ethical dilemmas, all of which hinge on that key question, "who is my neighbor"?

### GETTING INVOLVED

In one case study on the program, a ather must decide whether to report that his son has cheated on an exam. In another, I woman contemplates whether to tell a riend that her husband is cheating on her. In a third, a man sees a stranger hitting her hild in a grocery store. When faced with hese kinds of dilemmas, how do you lecide whether or not to get involved? What questions run through your mind?

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

Many people today are worried about the reakdown of the family and the loss of ommunity in America. Do you think eople are more or less community-minded an they used to be? How do you explain ty change? Is your church a community r you? What could you do to make it ore so?

### DOING GOOD

Even the most generous people have ore opportunities to do good than they

can possibly act upon. What opportunities to do good did you have this week? Which ones did you follow up on? On the program, the panelists disagree about how much and under what circumstances they would help a homeless individual. Which philosophy of helping the less fortunate comes closest to your own?

### CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Describing her work with lepers and others who had been abandoned by society, Mother Teresa once described these individuals as "Christ in all his distressing disguises." To what Scriptural passage is she referring? What is its significance to you?

### TABLE TALK

During one of your meals with family or friends this week, share your responses to this thought by Frederick Buechner, a Christian minister and novelist.

"Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin. It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too."

What religious exercises give you the best practice putting yourself in another person's place?

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Time for Reflection and Prayer Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Gordon Young Prayer

A Time With Children

Dr. Lohr

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Ordination and Installation of Deacon Deanna Hammond see insert

Offering

**Offertory** 

- \*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication
- \*Hymn 147 "All Praise To Thee, For Thou, O King Divine" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon "From Resentment to Freedom"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

- \*Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Response "Now The Silence" Carl Schalk

\*Postlude

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 1989 Luke 4:26

Imagine God today directing a devout Jew in Israel to go help an Arab woman in South Lebanon! An American Christian to go help a Central American Communist! What in the world can God be up to? Read the whole story of our Lord in the Nazareth synagogue: notice how hometown sentimentality, and even piety, gradually become incredulous anger. Let us pray for the greatest of all God's spiritual gifts: the humility and wisdom to put aside childish ways and grow into God's kind of tough love.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

### CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

The headlines change, but the lessons of faith remain the same. In 1986 Rev. John M. Fife, pastor of the Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona, was tried in federal court for conspiring with others to provide sanctuary for "undocumented aliens"—Central American refugees fleeing war in their homelands.

In the darkest night of his ordeal by trial, Rev. Fife was awakened by a telephone call from South Africa. On the other end of the line was Rev. Allan Boesak, the noted crusader against apartheid.

"We are praying for you over here," he declared.

"You're praying for me?" Fife replied.

"Of course," Boesak answered, "haven't you been praying for us?"

The sanctuary movement has been eclipsed in the public mind by new issues and concerns. In this age of special-interests, each "cause" takes its turn. But the Gospel calls us to be inclusive—equally and constantly concerned—because God's righteousness and mercy are indivisible. Injustice in Central America and in South Africa, as well as in the United States and the Soviet Union, cry out simultaneously for our prayers and protests. As Christians, we cannot subordinate one to another.

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission assure that our witness is as broad as the world, and that our prayers are heard by those in need.

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February 5, 1989

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### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Suite for the Epiphany" Charles Tournem Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit Introit-Kyrie-Elevation

"This Is The Day!"

Douglas Wag

Unison Call to Worship

Our God holds this world in hands of mercy. Let the people give thanksgiving! Let the earth tremble in Grace Let us give praise to God's beloved and amazing name. Holy is our God! Lover of Justice! Artist of Compassion Holy is our God! Those who have gone before us called on God's name. They cried--and God answered. Through a pillar of Cloud, a mountain of Glory, a moment of clear Silence, God answers. Holy is our God! Forgiver of Sin!

Invocation Katie Bru

Performer of Mercy! Holy and among us is our God!

\*Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Call to Confession

Brenda Bu

Responsive Prayer of Confession

L. Most Loving God, we can scarcely comprehend the width of your Grace. Unlatch our hearts as we come into your presence to seek forgiveness and change.

P. With our hands and lives we have held rather than given. We have tightly clenched our fists rather than opened to your spirit. We have used our hands to divide people, to destroy beauty, to carry out deeds of hurt.

We have hidden the gifts you have given us, Gracious God, in fear and regret. We bemoan what we do not have, refusing to celebrate what you have given us. Р.

We are your people! These hands are your hands. These gifts are your gifts. These lives are your

lives. We celebrate your many gifts!

With your hands of grace, Compassionate One, open the fists of our lives, forgive our reluctance to your call, and pull away the veil of our fears and lost hope.

ALL: Hand-full God, hold us and this world in your embrace. Forgive us! Shape us! Re-make us!

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our God hides not in a distant place; Our God . withholds not that which we need; Our God can do no other for us than give us handfuls of Mercy to forgive and heal.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are given new hands of life, new voices of healing, and new

hearts of hope. Thanks be to God!

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### WITNESS OF FAITH

"Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies"

T.H. Frederick Candlyn

(The text of the anthem is that of Hymn #43)

rayer Ruth Hurst

he Lord's Prayer (using trespasses)

Time with Children

Robin Griffin Lynda Lou Wright

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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Nell Snyder

"Suite for the Epiphany: Communion" Charles Tournemire

oxology

rayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 404 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon

"Women In Ministry"

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:13-16 Ministry with Children

Susan Barbe

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:34-41
Ministry with the Needy

Verona Daniele

Scripture Reading: John 15:12-13, 16-17

Ministry with the Sick

Beth Wilkins

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Litany of Ministry

Carolyn Messicl

L. Having this ministry, let us shine, let us bring forth our hands and celebrate God in our lives.

Right: Hands for greeting. Hands that cradle. Hands to clap, hold instruments, make music. Hands of ministry.

ALL: Remembering we are the handiwork of Christ, let us be reborn in Christ's spirit and celebrate the Good News in our world.

Left: Hands which do wonders, Hands which just are. Hands refusing to be raised in anger, Hands which are just.

Right: Hands determined to do justice, Hands of the worker and the singer, Hands which no longer finger the trigger of violence, nor salute the dictator. Hands bold in their many ways of loving.

All: Beholding the glory and grace of God's mercy, we are healed and capable of re-creation.

Left: Hands with five fingers, three or two, kneading, shaping bread...offering drink and refreshment. Feet become hands, holding brush before a canvas.

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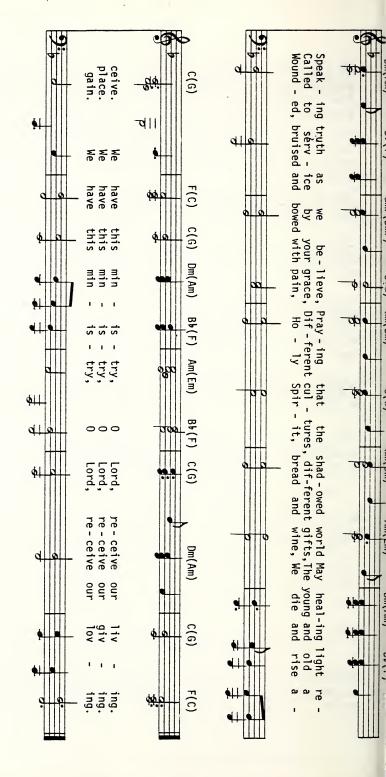
CIRCLE #3 will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 at the home of Beth Wilkins rather than at the home of Kim Perry.

VALENTINE'S PARTY for all children on Sunday, February 12, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We hope all of our children will plan to attend this party.

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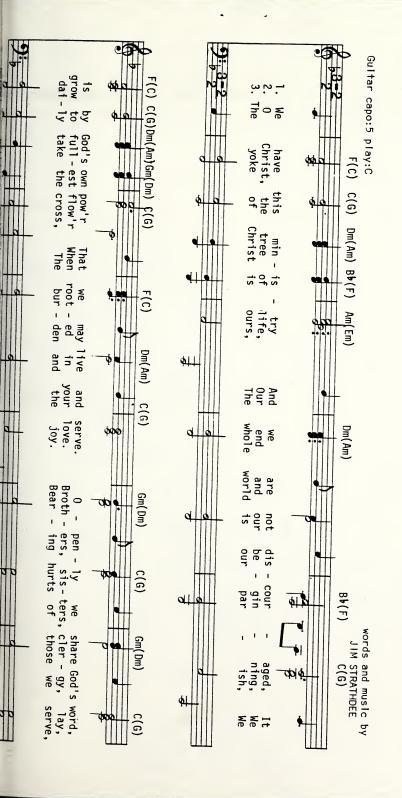
Children's Church today: Cecilia Welborn Children's Church next Sunday: Maxine Rich

Nursery today: Robin McCraw Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper



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# WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb.	5	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Youth Fellowship 4th & 5th grade girls Board of Christian Education
Mon.,	Feb.	6	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Feb.	7	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Circle #4 - Library
Wed.,	Feb.	8	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Feb.	9	7:00 p.m.	Afterschool Committee
Sun.,	Feb.	12	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Church School Worship Service Communion Boy Scout Sunday
			3:30 p.m.	Inquirer's Class Seekers' Classroom
			4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Valentine Party Board of Deacons



# ETHICS IN AMERICA

# TO DEFEND A KILLER



"I'll get even." Everybody's had that hought when faced with a crime or an ujustice. But how and when and how much evenge can we demand? These are ethical uestions on a personal level and for ociety as well. On this episode of "Ethics America," the discussion reveals that hat we think and do about crime and unishment reflects our view of human ature, our definitions of right and wrong, ar sense of justice, and our moral inderstanding of retribution and mercy.

### CRIME IN AMERICA

Crime stalks our neighborhoods, fills our ils, costs taxpayers' money, clutters the plitical agenda, and remains on public pinion polls a major fear for Americans, repeople in your community more contrad about crime now than they were to years ago? What precautions do you see to protect yourself and your property of criminals? How involved should ivate citizens be in the fight against me?

### THE VICTIMS OF CRIME

Have you, a family member, a friend, or ousiness associate been a victim of crime ring the past year? On the program, nelists discuss the defense lawyer's role, cluding the importance of keeping a ent's secrets and even using tactics that ald be interpreted as blaming the victim. bate the following: The system has been concerned with protecting the rights of minals that it has stopped worrying but the needs of the victims of crime.

### JUSTICE FOR ALL

In the Old Testament, retributive justice is described as "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." The U.S. Constitution frowns upon "cruel and unusual punishments." What do these approaches to justice assume about human nature? How do you define justice? What restraints upon revenge are suggested in the New Testament?

### THE QUALITY OF MERCY

The hypothetical case study on the program opens with the man seeking forgiveness from his minister. What does the Rev. Dr. Donald Shriver, President of Union Theological Seminary, mean when he warns us to avoid "cheap forgiveness"? What do you learn from the Sermon on the Mount about compassion and forgiveness? What does St. Paul say on these subjects?

### TABLE TALK

The loss of values has become a topic of conversation across America. Make this the focus of one of your mealtime talks this week. Here is a thought to get you started from journalist Walt Harrington:

"People lie, cheat, steal more today not so much because they don't know right from wrong, but because in big, bureaucratized, corporatized, impersonal America, it's harder and harder to do the right thing and easier and easier to do the wrong thing."

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Right: Hands which do wonders, for science and medicine, Hands that feed, Hands which talk and the world opens up. Hands which comfort, sew and soothe.

All: The hand of God reaches out and touches us, we are in wonder and amazement, each of us. Our hands too, a wonder and a miracle, tools of ministry and hope or agents of mistrust and harm.

God today we dedicate to you our hands in ministry. Shape them, change them, fashion them to image yours. God of our living, we hand ourselves to you.

\*Hymn "We Have This Ministry"

see insert

\*Benediction

Deana Hammond

\*Choral Response "Dona Nobis Pacem" Traditional Round

\*Postlude "Fugue in C Major" Johann Sebastian Bach

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

### LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 1989 Luke 9:32

We call it the Transfiguration of Jesus, but it is the disciples who are changed. They are wakened to glory. The image of a magnificient sunrise may suggest heaven after death, but our Lord says: Here and now. The old idea held that diety was too holy to be met face-to-face; humans could approach God only through obedience to rules and ritual. But in Jesus Christ we see God in the flesh, and we do not die, but live! Thus, love fulfills the law and the prophets.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

### "HANDS IN MINISTRY"

A woman kneads the yeasty dough, feeling its elasticity and life in her hands. A child scoops up sand and watches it slip between her small fingers. A farmer holds a measure of grain against the wind to blow the chaff away.

Hands are expressive, useful, eloquent. The ritual etiquette of the handshake can say, "I am a friend," or, "I am a stranger." In art or dance or music, the hands tell a story.

Hands in ministry are no less eloquent, for they say that we care, that we are with you. Our hands carry the testimony of our ministry as surely as Moses carried the tablets down the mountainside.

Women have their hands in ministry in special ways. The hands that knead the dough and pour the wine may also bless the elements. Women's hands are in ministry when they quilt a laprobe, bake a pie for a shut-in, type the minutes of a meeting, hold a voting card at General Synod, soothe a frightened child, arrange the altar flowers, chair a meeting, or reach out to greet a stranger. Today we celebrate the beginning of Women's Week in the United Church of Christ. The Women's Week theme, "Hands in Ministry," is expressive and eloquent in celebrating the gifts women bring to the life of the church.

Reach out your hand this week to say thanks to the women of your church—women whose hands and hearts are in ministry.

Marilyn M. Breitling Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society Jesus said...



"It is written"



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February 12, 1989

11:00 a

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude De Profundis: "Out of the Depths Have I Cried"
Jean Langl

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Kyris"

Larry k

Responsive Call to Worship Scout Adam Sh

L. The Lord our God is a mighty God!

P. God demands truth and justice in the world.

L. The Lord our God is a righteous God!

P. Let us turn from our wrongful ways and let God's truth and justice change our lives.

L. The Lord our God is a loving God!

P. Let us love one another as God has loved us.

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
Scout Adam Shu

\*Hymn 4 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Scout Kevin Mobl

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you gave us the best of guides in Jesus, but we have gone off on our own paths, not his. You have told us to love one another, but we have let our envy, pride, lus and greed keep us from loving those persons you especiall want us to love. We have spoken stinging words, thought unkind thoughts, put people down, used other people for our own ends, and drawn joy from the defeat of our opponents. Even our best moments are laced with selfish-

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VALENTINE'S PARTY for all children this afternoon in the Parish House at 4:00 p.m. We hope all of our children will plan to attend.

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthex.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Children's Church today: Maxine Rich Children's Church next Sunday: Dorcas Lohr/Beth Lyon

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Feb.	12	11:00 3:30	a.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Inquirers' Group Seekers Classroom Valentine Party
					Parish House Board of Deacons
Mon.,	Feb,	13	6:00 6:00	p.m. p.m. p.m.	Prayer Group College Support Group Troop 51 to Planetarium Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Feb.	14			Fun Club Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Feb.	15	7:30	p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Feb.	16	7:00	p.m.	Board of Trustees

### COMMUNION LITURGY H

We are now about to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. This table of the Lord is open to all fellow Christians; and although none should partake of these sacred emblems impenitent or without faith in Christ, we cordially invite all who are sincerely seeking him to come to his table, in the assurance that he who came into the world to be the Savior of all will in no wise cast them out.

Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may; come to testify not that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be his true disciples; come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help; come, not to express an opinion, but to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit.

For by grace I received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you.

WITH THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, WITH THOSE WHO ARE WITH US NOW, WITH THOSE WHO FOLLOW US, WE SHARE THIS MEAL.

that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

WE CONFESS OUR BETRAYALS, BUT COME AT YOUR IN-VITATION TO TAKE BREAD.

and when he had given thanks,

WE THANK YOU LORD, FOR YOUR BREAD.

he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you."

IT IS FOR US.

"Do this in remembrance of me."
WE REMEMBER.

In the same way also the cup, after supper. THANK YOU LORD, FOR THE CUP.

(over)

saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."
IT IS YOUR BLOOD FOR US.

"Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

WE REMEMBER.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

IN THE EATING AND DRINKING WE REMEMBER YOUR DEATH AND YOUR PROMISE AND ARE ENABLED TO LIVE AGAIN.

AMEN.

(The bread is served to the people, servers, and minister.)

In remembrance of the death of Christ and of our redemption in Him, we break this bread as we say:
THIS BREAD WHICH WE BREAK IS THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

(The cup is served to the people, servers, and minister.)

In grateful remembrance that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin, we affirm in unison:
THIS CUP WHICH WE DRINK IS THE COMMUNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

(Unison Prayer after communing:)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE FOREVERMORE: ABIDE WITH US IN RICH MEMORY, AS YOU STAYED IN THE HEARTS OF THE DISCIPLES WHO WALKED WITH YOU ALONG THE EMMAUS ROAD, AND WHO KNEW YOU IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD. MAY WE FEEL OUR HEARTS BURN WITH-IN US AT YOUR CONTINUING PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES, UNTIL ALL GOOD AND TRUE AND HOLY THINGS ARE LOVELY TO US, AND WE FIND NOTHING TO FEAR BUT THAT WHICH IS HATEFUL IN YOUR SIGHT. LIFT US ABOVE ALL THAT IS SELFISH AND UNWORTHY, UNTIL WE GAIN WITH YOU THE FINAL VICTORY, AND REJOICE WITH YOU IN YOUR KINGDOM. AMEN.

MARTIN MARTY AND SHELBY ROOKS VISIT ELON FOR A CENTENNIAL CONVOCATION: "ELON'S HISTORY AND FUTURE AS A CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGE" \* THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1989 \*

Members of the Congregation are cordially invited to meet

Dr. Martin E. Marty
Professor of the History of Modern Christianity
University of Chicago
and

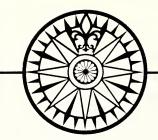
Dr. Charles Shelby Rooks
Executive Vice President
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries

3:00 pm Reception, Isabella Cannon Room

4:00 pm "Higher Education in America: The Role of the United Church of Christ in Founding Colleges."

7:30 pm "Where Faith and Learning Meet: Reflections on the Character of Church-Related Colleges"

ach event will meet in the Fine Arts Building.



# ETHICS IN AMERICA



# PUBLIC TRUST, PRIVATE INTERESTS

"Trust everybody, but cut the cards," wrote Finley Peter Dunne, and whether we want to or not, we find ourselves doing just that. Believing in the integrity, ability, or character of another is easier said than done. In a democracy, however, trust must exist between the people and their elected officials. On this episode of "Ethics in America," the panel discusses the obligations of officials to uphold the public trust, especially in those critical moments when their own interests might conflict with the best interests of the people.

### TRUST IN GOVERNMENT

"How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do what is right: just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?" This was a question asked by the Post/ABC News polling organization in seven different surveys during 1985 - 1987. The proportion of respondents expressing trust in government most or all of the time ranged between 38 and 45%; those saying they trusted the government only some of the time, or never, ranged from 56 to 62%. How would you answer this question? What particular events have influenced your trust in government?

### THE FABRIC OF TRUST

On the program, Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Representative to the United Nations, states: "It's very important to restore the fabric of trust in our society. It's been torn really almost to pieces." Playing the role of the President in the hypothetical

case study, she insists upon setting an example by trusting her Chief of Staff, who has denied a charge that he has used drugs. What do you think are the best routes to restoring trust in our society?

### PERSONAL TRUSTWORTHINESS

Most people have a good idea about the kind of people they feel they can trust. How do you distinguish between individuals you can trust and those you can't? Do you consider yourself a trustworthy person? Can you be counted on to do what you say you will do? How does your trust in God influence the way you treat others?

### TABLE TALK

In a scene in the film A Man for All Seasons, Sir Thomas More explains to his daughter why he cannot take an oath in which he does not believe:

"When a man makes a promise, he puts himself into his own hands like water. And if he opens his fingers to let it out, he need not hope to find himself again."

During your meals this week with family or friends, talk about the promises you make to each other and to yourselves. Consider the subtle ways in which we often let our promises slip through our fingers. Which oaths would you never break?

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ness. The nearer we get to you the more clearly we see our own evil. Forgive us, O God. Help us live the way of Jesus. For his sake we ask this. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Scout Kevin Mobley

Dr. Lohr

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

### WITNESS OF FAITH

"Out of the Depths" (Psalm 130) Paul O. Manz Anthem Prayer Dr. Irvine A Time With Children

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering Scout Bob Giles Offertory "Song of Peace" Jean Langlais

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication Scout Bob Giles \*Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:5-15 Sermon

"Our Father in Heaven" (#1 in a series on the Lord's Prayer)

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy H

'Hymn 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"

\*Benediction Dr. Irvine

'Choral Response "Our Father, By Whose Name" F. Bland Tucker and John D. Edwards

Postlude "Prelude in C Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 12, 1989 Luke 4:4

Jews, Christians, and Muslims are all "people of the book" because we are all created by the Lord God's mighty acts. But each religion sees a different climax in that awesome series of events, and therefore values a different rendition of the holy books. Like our ancestors, we too need to recite our credo, and our climax is God's raising Jesus from the dead and making him our Lord. But even the devil can quote scripture, so, like our Lord, we must be tested to develop an authentic understanding of our mission.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

### **OVERCOMING HATE**

Crimes motivated by prejudice are on the rise. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith recently reported that there have been more hate crimes committed during the past three years than over the previous two decades.

The National Institute of Justice recently concluded that crimes of bias are not only widespread, but that American society, including the criminal justice system, has not responded adequately to them.

When hate manifests itself in criminal acts, vigorous enforcement of the law is, of course, imperative. But preventive measures are needed, as well.

That is where the church comes in.

With a grant from the Neighbors in Need offering, our Office for Church in Society is creating and supporting training programs for UCC clergy and laity, to devise strategies that challenge both the prejudices and actions of hate groups. Grants will support pilot projects in regions where the threat is greatest, providing resources to help resolve conflicts and foster reconciliation where possible.

The United Church of Christ's predecessor denominations were formed by men and women fleeing persecution and hate. Today's epidemic of prejudice and scapegoating endangers the very principles which they helped establish. In striving to overcome hate in our divided society, we carry on their witness.

Jesus said "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem" ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Ellie Ketcham, Liturgist Today

February 19, 1989

11:00 a.m

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Sins"

J. S. Bac

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Alice Jorda

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God is the God of all the ages. Let us praise God's name.

P. From everlasting to everlasting, God is the Lord.

L. As the heavens are higher than the earty, so are God's ways higher than our ways.

P. Let us worship and bow before the Eternal One. Let us praise God's holy name.

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 14

"The God of Abraham Praise"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, God, that we have sinned and done that which was unworthy in your sight. We have chased after our own wilful desires heedless of your guidance; we have taken your name lightly upon our lips; we have abused ourselves, the creation, our friends, even our enemies. We have averted our eyes from others' suffering lest we be forced to admit some responsibility, or turned out of the ways of our own pleasure. We know that coming to church and appearing respectable does not make everything all right with you. Forgive us, God, and help us

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Children's Church today: Dorcas Lohr/Beth Lyon Children's Church next Sunday: Wilma Williamson

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb.	19	-	11:00 5:00	a.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Board of Missions Seekers' Class Covered Dish Suppe
Mon.,	Feb.	20	-			Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Feb.	21	-			Cub Scouts Habitat for Humanit Lakeview UCC
Wed∘,	Feb.	22	-	7:30	p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.,	Feb。	23	-			Lenten Study Group Evangelism Committee
Fri。-Sat	t., 24	1-25	-		cout Lo 1 House	
Sun.,	Feb.	16	-	11:00	a.m.	Church School Worship Service Fellowship Dinner



# ETHICS IN AMERICA

# **DOES DOCTOR KNOW BEST?**



Bioethics deals with the difficult choices which arise at the crossroads of medicine, law, and ethics. It is very likely that every one of us will have to make a "bioethical" decision either personally or during the llness of a family member or friend. That s why philosopher Howard Levine has noted: "Bioethical decisions are simply too serious, personal and important to be left in the total control of strangers. In fact, a working knowledge of bioethics is one of the survival skills for a new age." This episode of "Ethics in America" reveals the kind of hinking that may be required of you.

### PARTNERSHIP WITH PHYSICIANS

The development of new technologies and drugs, expanded treatment options, and shifting attitudes toward the practice of nedicine mean that something as basic as informed consent" has gotten more comblicated. Physicians and patients need to be artners. When you visit a doctor, do you expect that he or she will decide what to do or you, or do you want to participate in hese decisions? Have you ever asserted our right to choose or refuse medical treatnent? Have any of your family or friends? In each case, how was the decision made? What was the response of the physician?

### WHOSE LIFE IS THIS?

The panelists on the television program iscuss who is affected by bioethical decisions. In the case study about a pregnant roman with cancer, various ideas are ffered: the patient who has to live (or die) with the consequences of her decision, the aby, the husband, the physician who may

be liable, the mother who stands up for her daughter's wishes, the doctor who acts as an advocate for the child, the community who may have an interest in any precedents set by this case. Whose "life" do you think this is? Talk about the circles of impact which can make bioethical decisions so difficult. At what point would you want those affected by your life to interfere with it?

### PLANNING AHEAD

The ethical dilemma in the program becomes more complicated when the patient goes into a coma and can no longer express her feelings. One way to alleviate lingering questions, conflicts, and the guilt of survivors is to write a "Living Will" in which a patient's choices for end-of-life treatment are documented. Have you or would you like to have a "Living Will"? What choices would you make?

### TABLE TALK

The Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard wrote a prayer which would be an appropriate table grace this week as you contemplate the complexity of bioethical decisions.

"Lord, I have to make a choice, and I'm afraid that I may make the wrong one. But I have to make it anyway; and I can't put it off. So I will make it and trust you to forgive me if I do wrong. And, Lord, I will trust you, too, to help make things right afterward. Amen."

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to be truly penitent. Let our faith be renewed in this hour, and our hearts turned again to your way; through Jesus who seeks, in this and every minute, our salvation. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

- L. Christ died for us, the just for the unjust.
- P. In his life's blood is our peace.
- L. I declare that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us!

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "God Be Merciful To Me" Gabriel Faure

Prayer

A Time With Children

Dr. Lohr

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Be Not Silent" Giovanni Pergolesi

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:7; Luke 11:1-4

Sermon "Your Name Be Hallowed"

(#2 in a series on the Lord's Prayer)

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

\*Benediction

Choral Response "Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"
Charles Wesley and Francois Barthelemon

\*Postluce "Toccata in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 19, 1989 Luke 13:34

Jesus' lament over Jerusalem echoes through the canyons of our own cities. So many of his children refuse to be gathered under his loving arms to hear his prophetic concern. Many others are left behind as drop-outs or push-outs, giving themselves over to self-destruction and thinking no one cares. Economic injustice, social and cultural barriers, seem insurmountable. But the covenant promise to Abraham and his descendants is that all God's children shall be as the stars, and that *shalom* is more important than territory.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

#### JAPAN

In Japan, the United Church of Christ supports schools and colleges where only a fraction of the students are Christians. Not many more are likely to be "converted," in the traditional sense, during their studies in our schools. Under the circumstances, some people question the effort and expense involved in this overseas mission. But our missionary teachers understand that evangelism also involves the instilling of Christian values. A former student, who attended a Christmas party in a teacher's home, wrote his host:

"I'm writing this letter because I want to say my gratitude to you. The party was a most pleasant time for me. I felt intimacy in the warmth of the house on that day. But you recalled to me one other thing which I had lost these days and is more important to me. This

is that I must think about the needy.

"When I was 14 or 15, I was shocked by the TV news reporting the starvation in Africa. I asked, 'Why can't the rich help the needy?' and I thought of working in international organizations like UNICEF.... Recently, however, I've forgotten my faith. I've begun to prefer dating girls to studying. I've come to want rich life, good foods and good clothes, planning travel abroad. But the party recalled me what I had lost....I will continue to think about the needy people and try to solve the contradiction on the earth—the rich and poor or the North and the South—in my own life work...."

We support the lifesaving missionary witness in Japan through

our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Introit "Let My Prayer Come Up Into Thy Presence"
Henry Purcel

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Happy are the people who have learned to worship God.

P. Happy are those who walk in God's presence. L. In God's name they shall rejoice all the day.

P. God's righteousness shall lift them up forever.

L. Let us worship and rejoice!

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

There is an arrogance about our flesh, O God, that inclines us to think better of ourselves than as we ought. We see more easily in others the faults that hinder our own faith. We confuse need with humility, and think we are righteous when we are not really tempted. We feel good about ourselves as long as we are free from pain and worry. Forgive us for our indifference to you and to the peoples of the world for whom Christ died. Make us more sensitive to our spiritual shortcomings, that we may be motivated to serve you faithfully. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to Discover Fellowship tonight. Join the members of the church in a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Discover Fellowship will have a short meeting after the meal.

The 4th and 5th Grade Girls will meet today at 4:00 p.m.

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Children's Church today: Ann or R. J. Acquilano Children's Church next Sunday: Carolyn Messick

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb.	26	4:00	a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m.	
Mon.,	Feb.	27		p.m.	Prayer Group Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Feb.	28	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet
			7:00	p.m.	Senior Citizen Lecture Choral Room
Wed.,	Mar.	1	7:30	p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
FriSat., Mar. 3 & 4		- Boy	y Scout Lock-In rish House		



# ETHICS IN AMERICA

# ANATOMY OF A CORPORATE TAKEOVER

In a 1987 survey of some 290,000 freshmen entering college, more than 75% identified "being well-off financially" as an essential or very important life goal, compared with 44% in 1967. Money, the age-old symbol of worth, seems to have become a value to be pursued in itself. Nowhere is this more evident than on Wall Street where huge sums change hands in corporate takeovers, the subject of this episode of "Ethics in America."

#### IS GREED GOOD?

On the program, corporate "raiders" T. Boone Pickens, Jr., and Sir James Goldsmith say that their primary objective is to make money. Goldsmith is very adamant: "[Money] is the best reason for anybody to be in business... Doing business is what gives you the fuel to do good. Don't mix them up. The bee doesn't make honey because he's doing good." How do you respond to someone who says that greed is good? Is it possible to do business and do good? Or, put another way, is doing good incompatible with doing well?

#### CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Two points of view about corporate esponsibility emerge in business discusions. The first holds that corporate officers re only responsible for protecting the nterests of their shareholders and are bligated to maximize their profits. The ther position regards business as a guest the society, charged with additional esponsibilities to its employees (safety, ecurity), its community (charitable and

civic activities), and the economy (quality goods at a reasonable price). Which position do you think is more "ethical"? Name three businesses in your community which demonstrate the most "corporate responsibility" according to your criteria.

#### SHARING RICHES

In the Bible, those who are rich with material goods are charged to share their wealth and provide for the needy. What do the Old Testament prophets say about greed and money? What do you think Jesus, who threw the money changers out of the Temple in Jerusalem, would think of today's Wall Street?

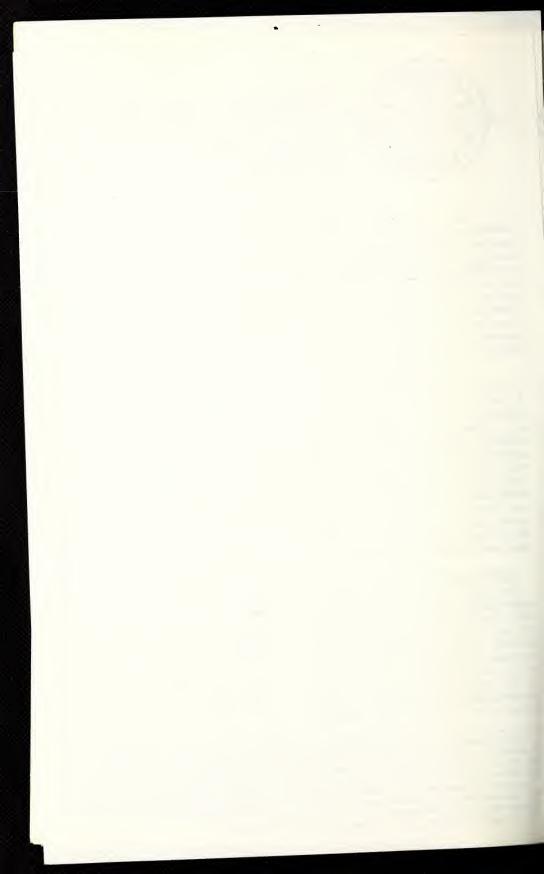
#### TABLE TALK

In No Place Like Home, a collection of her newspaper columns, Linda Weltner talks about listening to her "inner voice":

"The voice whispers that satisfaction is more important than outward signs of success, that without love all else is meaningless. It says softly that happiness is as simple as having something to look forward to in the morning, and that it's not possible to love yourself unless you act with integrity. It knows that caring for others enlarges a person's life."

This week during your table talks share some messages from your "inner voice."

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RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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Offertory Anthem "Be Not Silent Unto Us"

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\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 322 "Jesus Calls Us"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:17, 12:22-28; 18:1-6, 10-14

Sermon

"From Here to Kingdom Come" (#3 in a series on the Lord's Prayer)

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

'Hymn 411 "Lord God of Hosts, Whose Purpose, Never Swerving"

Benediction

Choral Response

"As the Father Loves Me, So Have I Loved You"

Dorothy and Ralph Schultz

Postlude "Toccata in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 1989 Luke 13:3

What do you think when you hear a report of some natural disaster? Often, good and religious people secretly congratulate themselves, thinking such judgment proves someone else's sin and their own virtue. Jesus warns against such self-righteousness and uses an incident in the news to prompt self-examination. Disaster may be the occasion for us to hear God's command: "About face and march!" Lent is not intended to make us depressed, but to cause us to set our faces steadfastly toward Jerusalem.

Rev. Frederick T. Schumacher Ocean Springs, Mississippi

#### POLICY

How does the United Church of Christ arrive at the positions it takes? On what basis does the church set its priorities? What are the principles that guide the church in its social policies? These are

questions that members frequently ask.

The first answer is procedural. Decisions in the United Church of Christ are reached democratically. Our church is not a hierarchy: from the General Synod to conference annual meetings, from the boards of our institutions and national bodies to local congregations, policy is established by a majority vote. Furthermore, great pains are taken to assure that representative bodies in the United Church of Christ are just that.

But the procedural answer is incomplete. Even a democracy can become errant or hysterical unless its decisions are grounded in and guided by something more than whim. In gathered meetings of the United Church of Christ, we seek seriously to discern and to do God's will. The source of our guidance in such matters is scripture informed by prayerful conscience. The safety value is the knowledge that all decisions are subject to review, as times and circum-

stances change.

The biblical principle which, above all, guides many United Church of Christ bodies today is expressed in Mary's "Magnificat" and Jesus' Beatitudes: God's justice is biased in favor of the poor. As Mary said, "God has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich empty away" (Luke 1:53). In the Sermon on the Mount, we read Jesus' words: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20b).

It is important for people to know where the United Church of

Christ is "coming from" when it takes a stand.

Jesus said... "his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ

Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-03 Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Ryan Harris and Daniel Doyle, Acolytes today

March 5, 1989

11:00 a.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Schubler Chorale: "Jesus Christ, Our Lord J. S. Ba and Saviour"

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Holy God" (Trisagion)

John Rutt

Responsive Call to Worship

It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God, to call God's holy name.

As far as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are above our ways.

But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are called to be God's people.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel P. before God our Maker!

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "High in the Heavens, Eternal God" \*Hvmn 82

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, we confess that we have fallen short of your will for us. We have eaten our bread without concern for the hungry. We have warmed ourselves without thinking of those who are cold. We have prayed and enjoyed our faith without witnessing to those who do not know you. Forgive us, O God, and bestow upon us the mind of Christ. Let us become sensiti to the needs of your world, and servants of all, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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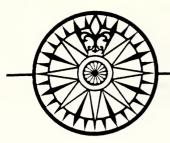
Nursery today: Ivy Anderson

Nursery next Sunday: Mona Covington

Children's Church today: Janet or Mike Mayse Children's Church next Sunday: Brenda Butts

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar. 5	12:15 5:00	a.m.	Church School Worship Service Soup and Salad Luncheon Board of Christian Education Youth
Mon.,	Mar. 6	6:00	p.m.	Prayer Group Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Mar. 7	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar. 8	7:30	p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Mar. 9			Lenten Study Group Evangelism Committee
Sat., M	ar. 11	9:00	a.m.	Women's Fellowship Breakfast



# ETHICS IN AMERICA

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## UNDER ORDERS, UNDER FIRE, PART I

In ancient times, loyalty was a virtue highly celebrated and rewarded. Today, this virtue is under fire in many quarters. In this episode of "Ethics in America," panelists discuss the demands of loyalty in the military. Although the setting may be specific, the thrust of the discussion will be familiar to anyone who has had to decide what to do when personal values conflict with loyalty to an employer or an institution.

#### LOYALTY AS A WEAPON

Workers in a variety of industries complain that their employers use loyalty as a weapon to force them to do unethical things. They may be expected to go along with their superiors' plans to achieve corporate goals, even if it means cutting corners which might threaten worker or public safety. They may be asked to falsify a report or exaggerate findings so that their department looks good to top management. Have you ever been asked to go against your inner sense of right and wrong at work? How did you handle the situation? How do you answer individuals who say it is okay to cut corners ethically because everybody does it?

#### RIPPING OFF LOYALTY

Other employees show their lack of respect for their companies by engaging in questionable practices such as taking time off from work on the pretense of illness, cheating on expense accounts, or taking office supplies for personal use. How widespread are such practices? Do you think people today are more or less loyal to the companies where they work than they

were 20 years ago? How strong are your loyalties to your place of work?

#### WHISTLEBLOWERS

Some individuals put the public's safety and welfare above loyalty to their employers. These are the whistleblowers who expose negligence, abuses, or dangers to the community. What would it take for you to blow the whistle where you work?

#### LOYALTY TO GOD

Loyalty reflects commitment to an idea or an entity of great value beyond yourself. It is followed by acts of service which demonstrate that relationship. What role does loyalty play in the relationship between the Israelites and God in the Old Testament? What signs of loyalty did Jesus expect of his followers? What obligations does loyalty to your church entail?

#### TABLE TALK

In an article about the ethical crisis in America, Rabbi Balfour Brickner observed:

"One has to absorb ethics through role models, and the traditional role models have failed us. Nuclear families have broken up... The morally rectitudenous in high places have fallen down on the job. Role models have stopped role-modeling."

Do you think you are good role model for ethical behavior? Who are your moral mentors?

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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

nthem "Behold the Lame of God" Samuel Sebastian Wesley rayer

Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

nnouncement of the Offering

ffertory "O Lamb of God, Unspotted" Johann N. David

ymn 234 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Turch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ripture Reading Luke 11:1-13

ermon "Give Us Each Day Our Daily Bread" Rev. Lyon

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

mn 150 "O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High"

enediction

noral Response "Create In Me" Alice Jordan
stlude "Procession du St. Sacrement" Charles A. Chauvet

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 1989 Luke 15:20

The human pool of forgiveness is shallow and small. The forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ is deeper than the ocean and more constant than the tides, which wash over the sand and rocks. Like the waves, God's forgiveness washes away the mistakes of the past. But to forgive is not simply to forget. To forgive is to join God in creating something new. To forgive is to loosen our grip on the past in favor of opening ourselves, with love, to the future. To forgive is to allow God's healing to come.

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

#### WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO WE LIVE IN?

What kind of world do we live in?

A world where poverty afflicts nearly a billion people;

Where, during just the past five years, more people have died from hunger-related causes than in all the wars, revolutions, and homicides of the past 150 years;

Where one out of every ten babies will die in infancy;

Where nearly 12 million people are refugees—displaced by wars and civil disturbances, uprooted by natural disasters, and changing economies;

Where half the people lack safe drinking water;

These are the statistics of suffering, and they are overwhelming.

What can we do to change the world we live in?

Christ calls us to share the reality of human suffering in the world. That is where Christ said we would find him—in the lives of the hungry, the thirsty, and the sick.

The causes of suffering are complex, and the challenge of removing them is daunting. Yet, as people of faith, we are called and

empowered to become part of the solution.

Since 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided a way for us as Christians to unite in giving to help our brothers and sisters in need. In this fortieth year of sharing, let us be especially generous in our gifts to this all-church offering.

union to have been consummated in the denomias the United Church of Christ. Today, on the anniversary of their affirmations, we celebrate The Service of Worship this morning is a re-creation of the Service at the Uniting General Synod held on June 25, 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio. On that day the delegates of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches and the the Evangelical and Reformed Church formally and our oneness in Christ. anniversary of nation known of twenty-fifth declared the faith delegates

PRELUDE

Minuet

M. Boellmann

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

260

\*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UNITING PRAYER

SYMBOLS PRESENTATION OF

SILENT MEDITATION

(Tune: I fain would take my stand, Beneath the cross of Jesus

St. Christopher)

rock The shadow of a mighty within a weary land;

From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day. A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,

I take, 0 Cross, thy shadow for my abiding-place;

Content to let the world go by, ask no other sunshine than to know no gain nor loss, the sumshine of His face;

my only shame, the cross. my glory all My sinful self

The Bible

O Word of God Incarnate,

O Light of our dark sky; We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page, O Truth unchang'd, unchanging, O Wisdom from on high,

shines on from age to age. A lantern to our footsteps,

Bertha Cotten

(Tune: Munich)

where gems of truth are stored; received the gift divine, And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine. It is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the Living Word. It is the golden casket,

The Chalice

to Thy gracious word, humility, According

James Lyon

Martyrdom)

(Tune:

dying Lord, I will remember Thee. This will I do, my in meek

Yea, while a breath, a pulse remains, Remember Thee, and all Thy pains, and all Thy love to me; will I remember Thee.

The Font

(Tune: may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,

That I

Travis Loy Trentham)

> until my heart is pure, Until with Thee I will one will, Breathe on me, Breath of God, to do and to endure.

till I am wholly Thine, Till all this earthly part of me Breathe on me, Breath of God, divine. glows with thy fire

The Flags

Vicki Price and Jeff Price Waltham) (Tune:

The sun, that lights its shining folds, the cross, on which the Saviour died. skyward and seaward, high and wide, Fling out the banner! let it float

that sink and perish in the strife, all touch in faith its radiant hem, and spring immortal into life. Fling out the banner! sin-sick souls Shall

# DECLARATION OF UNION

(all uniting)

Churches, declare ourselves to be one body and our union consummated in this act establishing the United Church of Christ, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN. We do now, as the regularly constituted representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and of the General Council of the Congregational Christian

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March 12, 1989

11:00

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Our Father Who Art In Heaven" Franz L Prelude

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

"I Sat Down Under His Shadow" Edward C. Bair Introit "I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." (Song of Solomon 2:2-3)

Responsive Call to Worship

Lord, we believe in you. L. Help thou our unbelief!

Ρ. L. Lord, we love you.

Help us to love you with all our hearts! Ρ.

L. Lord, we sing praises to your name.

Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth! Ρ.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "When Morning Gilds the Skies" \*Hymn 35

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Because we have always had enough to eat, O Lord, we have taken food for granted. We cannot really put ourselves in the place of those who have less than a handf of grain each day or lie awake with gnawing in their stomachs. Forgive us for the pies and cakes we enjoy while others hunger, and the pot roasts and casseroles we devour while others die of starvation, and we do nex to nothing to help them. Let us have mercy upon them a

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Phyllis Young

Children's Church today: Brenda Butts

Children's Church next Sunday: George or Carole

Troxler

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

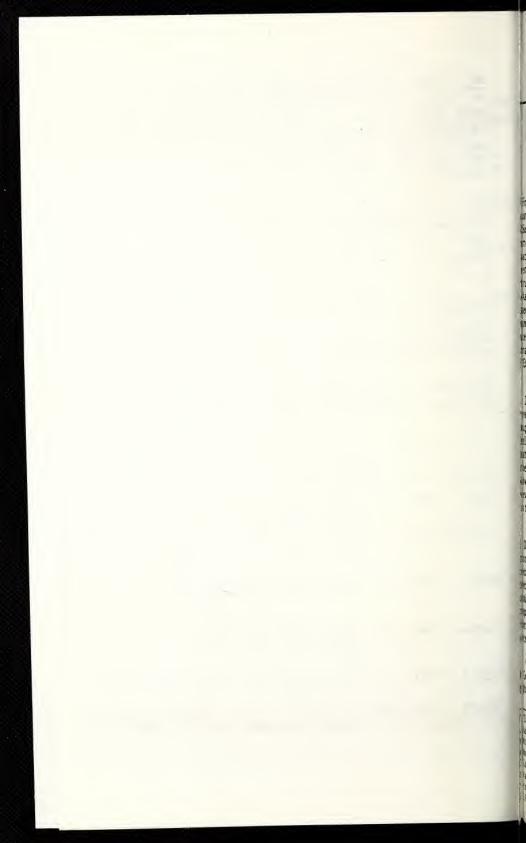
Sun., Mar. 12 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Youth 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

Mon., Mar. 13 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Tues., Mar. 14 10:30 a.m. Fun Club 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Mar. 15 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., Mar. 16 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study Group 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees





# ETHICS IN AMERICA



# UNDER ORDERS, UNDER FIRE, PART II

"We are all, in a sense, experts on secrecy, rom earliest childhood we feel its mystery nd attraction," wrote social philosopher issela Bok. "Secrecy may accompany the lost innocent as well as the most lethal cts; it is needed for human survival, yet it nhances every form of abuse. The same is ue of efforts to uncover or invade secrets." s children we learn the value of keeping ecrets. Later we realize that not all secrets to good ones and it is not always ethical to sep them. But how do we decide when to aintain confidentiality? This episode of 'thics in America' explores that question.

#### PROMISE YOU WON'T TELL

Do you remember the first secrets you rer knew? Who told you? Who were you sposed not to tell? What kept you from Iling? As a child, what did you think of tellers? As an adult, what do you think of tem? Make two lists: secrets which should aways be kept and secrets which should tyer be kept. See how your list compares those of family members or friends.

#### PROFESSIONAL SECRECY

Doctors, lawyers, and clergy have tradinally recognized the duty of keeping cret what individuals confide in them cause of their professional offices. As a lient, client, or church member, how portant is this to you? Under what cumstances do you think this promise of frecy could be broken?

#### GOVERNMENT AND SECRECY

overnments argue that they have the it to keep some activities secret from the

public eye for "national security" reasons. Recent examples are Watergate, hostage negotiations in the Middle East, and covert activities in Central America. Are these proper secrets? Why or why not?

#### GETTING AND GIVING SECRETS

If you are on the receiving end of a secret, how do you feel about the person confiding in you? How do you determine to whom you will divulge your secrets? Have you ever pryed into the secret of a friend, even after he or she asked you not to? What happened? The Old Testament is full of stories about people keeping and breaking confidences. Which of these is your favorite? Why?

#### TABLE TALK

Lewis B. Smedes, a professor of theology and ethics, writes in Choices: Making Right Decisions in a Complex World: "The first test of responsible action is whether we have kept our eyes and ears open to what is going on." To illustrate, he quotes a song made famous by Kenny Rogers:

"You've got to know when to hold em. You've got to know when to fold em. You've got to know when to walk away."

Howe good are you at knowing what a situation calls for and what is the better thing to do about it?

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FUN CLUB MTG.
TUES. MAR 14 1030AM

BRING A FAVORITE DISH FOR A POT-LUCK LUNCH

TALK + SLIDES

ELIZABETH + EARL PARKE

The Many Faces of Mexico Mayaland Yucatan Exploration

THE ANCIENT RUINS OF CHICHEN-ITZA and UXMAL

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Mexico City Fling

SEE JUST A BOUT EVERYTHING
YOU'VE EVER HEARD

ABOUT IN MEXICO CITY

MONTE ALBAN



#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (for more than one child)

Brothers and sisters, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of Baptism.

THERE IS ONE BODY AND ONE SPIRIT. THERE IS ONE HOPE IN GOD'S CALL TO US.

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Creator of us all. Jesus said: unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter the realm of God. Paul the Apostle said: all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

THIS IS THE WATER OF BAPTISM. OUT OF THIS WATER WE RISE WITH NEW LIFE, FORGIVEN OF SIN AND ONE IN CHRIST, EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY.

To parent(s): Do you desire to have your children baptized?

Parent(s): I/we do.

To parent(s) and sponsor(s): Do you promise, by the grace of God, to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, showing love and justice as best you are able?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help of God.

Do you promise to show these children a Christian life, grow with these children in the Christian faith, guide these children in a life of prayer, and offer these children the nurture of the Christian church?

Parent(s) and sponsor(s): I/we do, with the help of God.

TO THE CONGREGATION:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations, and offers them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one(s) about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: WE DO.

Baptismal Hymn (sung to the tune of "Morning Has Broken"

, WE GREET YOU, THIS HAPPY MORNING:
YOUR DAY OF LIFE WE NOW RECOGNIZE.
HERE IS THE WATER, WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE:
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

, WE NAME YOU, AND WITH THANKSGIVING OFFER OUR PRAYERS, AND SING YOU THIS SONG, WE ARE THE CHURCH, YOUR SPIRITUAL FAMILY: SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

, WE ARE ALL OF GOD OUR FATHER,
RISKING AND LOVING, DARING TO SEE
THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM GROWING AMONG US.
SING WE OUR PRAISES TO CHRIST THE LORD.

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith (Doxological version)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, fou have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

ou bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, reating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, inding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

ou call us into your church
o accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
o be your servants in the service of others,
o proclaim the gospel to all the world
nd resist the powers of evil,
o share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
o join him in his passion and victory.

ou promise to all who trust you orgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, ourage in the struggle for justice and peace, our presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

lessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

#### PRAYER BEFORE BAPTISM

BAPTISM

By what name will your child be called?

, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May the Holy Spirit be upon you, \_\_\_\_\_\_, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

#### UNISON PRAYER

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, HOLY GOD, MOTHER AND FATHER OF ALL THE FAITHFUL, FOR THESE PERSONS WASHED IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM. EMBRACE US ALL AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE ONE HOUSEHOLD OF YOUR LOVE. GRANT US GRACE TO RECEIVE, VALUE, LOVE, SUPPORT, NURTURE AND BEFRIEND THESE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

O God, bless this parent/these parents (and this sponsor/these sponsors). Grant them the patience and love to guide these children in the way of Jesus Christ and the faith of the church.

Once you were strangers and sojourners.

NOW YOU ARE EQUALLY CITIZENS WITH US IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

Go in the peace of Christ.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

you have had mercy on us. Let us find ways of sharing the bounty of your hand. Through Jesus Christ, who said, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, you have done it unto me." Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Lowell Mason--arr. by Ronald M. Huntington

(The congregation is invited to join the choir when

indicated on the final stanza of the anthem:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all.")

Prayer

The Sacrament of Baptism

see insert

Reception of New Members

see insert

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "Sonata III: Adagio" Felix Mendelssohn

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 157 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:22-25

Sermon

"Forgiven? Forgiving!"
(#5 in a series on the Lord's Prayer)

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn 169

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart"

Alice Jordan

\*Postlude

"Fughetta"

J. E. Rembt

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 1989 John 12.7

At his most vulnerable, Jesus was grateful for a sign of love from his friend, Mary. But Judas could not allow this extravagance to go unchallenged. Perhaps if we understood more about true extravagance we, too, would become bolder in expressing the love we feel. Can we be extravagantly committed to our marriages? Or to sharing our faith with our children? Most fundamental of all, how extravagant will we be in loving the God who made us?

> Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION

At a time when public schools are the objects of intensive scrutiny and often critical attack, the United Church of Christ has chosen to reaffirm its long tradition of support for public education as a pri-

mary component of American community life.

More than words are involved in this reaffirmation. Beginning in 1985, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries began to sponsor programs in support of public education with the assistance of the Neighbors in Need offering. Over one hundred congregations submitted proposals to work in partnership with the public schools and other groups to improve education for low income and minority students in their communities. Eventually, forty-three projects were selected for funding. They included innovative approaches to tutoring, mentoring, and morale-building.

All of the local programs shared a commitment to supplementnot supplant—public school programs; to respect the accountability of school boards; to avoid any activities that violated the separation of church and state; and to be as open and inclusive as possible.

The results have not only won high marks from professional educators and school administrators, but also led to additional programs of cooperation between churches and schools.

Without our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, none of this would have been possible.

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March 19, 1989

PALM SUNDAY

11:00

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Wondrous Love" Arr. David N. Joh Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "This Is The Day"

Douglass Wa

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. This is Palm Sunday, when we remember the Triumphal Entry!
- P. Jesus entered the city as people shouted "Hosanna
- L. But afterwards they denied him and demanded his dea P. Let him enter our hearts and never be denied.
- L. Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God.
- P. Jesus is our living Lord! Amen.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 155

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have laid our coats in the road for you, 0 Christ, that you might ride in triumph. Then we have taken them back again and denied you. We have turned on you in small ways, choosing what was good for us instead of wha was good for your Kingdom. We have permitted you to be crucified by refusing to side with the right or speak ou in your behalf. Forgive us, 0 Christ, and visit us agai with your Spirit. Renew our lives by your presence and send us forth once more to live for you. Amen.

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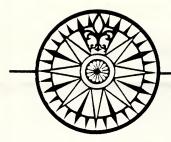
Children's Church today: George or Carole Troxler Children's Church next Sunday: Ann or R.J. Acquilano

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar.	19	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Good Shepherd Church
Mon.,	Mar.		10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts Troop 51 Court of Honor
Tues.,	Mar.	21	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Habitat for Humanity First Reformed UCC
Wed.,	Mar.	22		Men's Fellowship Planning Group urn from Nags Head
Thurs.,	Mar.	23	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study Group Maundy Thursday Service

EASTER SUNDAY Mar. 26 - 8:00 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SUNRISE

**BREAKFAST** 



# ETHICS IN AMERICA

#### TRUTH ON TRIAL

People stand in court and promise to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." It is a familiar value. Even a little child knows what is expected when told to "tell me the truth." When there is so much to be gained from being honest, why would anyone ever want to lie, deceive, mislead, or cloud our understanding of the truth? On this episode of "Ethics in America." panelists analyze a civil court case which, like other common practices in our society, creates its own version of the truth.

#### THE VALUE OF TRUTH

"When regard for the truth has been broken down or even slightly weakened," advised St. Augustine. "all things will remain doubtful." How much importance do you place on honesty? Who do you expect will usually tell you the truth: family, friends, colleagues, political leaders? On the whole, would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the level of honesty in our society?

#### THE IMPORTANT TRUTH

On the program, a lawyer explains how she would coach her client before a court appearance: "I would tell you to tell the truth, to not volunteer and expand on answers, but answer the question directly that's being given to you." What kind of truth will result from this strategy? How do you feel when you discover that you have been told only what someone else considers to be "important" for you to know? For example, how do you evaluate the "truth" in advertising? How "truthful" are political campaign promises?

#### WITHHOLDING THE TRUTH

We are often tempted not to tell the truth if we think it will hurt people's feelings alarm them unnecessarily, or change their opinion of us. Do you consider this lying' How do you respond to those who say it is always wrong not to tell the whole truth?

#### SO HELP ME, GOD

A 1981 Psychology Today ethics survey discovered that the religious commitment of individuals kept them from cheating on taxes, taking office supplies, and cheating on customs declarations, but it had far less influence on the more personal issues—not deceiving friends about something important, telling little white lies, and cutting into line. What does your religious tradition tell you about truth, honesty, and lying?

#### TABLE TALK

During one of your meals this week, consider the implications of this thought from Duke Ellington:

"Of all man's fears, I think men are most afraid of being what they are—in direct communion with the world at large. They fear reprisals, the most personal of which is that they won't be understood.... Yet every time God's children have thrown away fear in pursuit of honesty... miracles have happened."

Have you found this to be true? Share an example of such a miracle.

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#### CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

People: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

Leader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

New Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

nison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

eader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



Time for Reflection and Prayer Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

## WITNESS OF FAITH

"Saw Ye My Saviour?" Anthem Church Harmony, 1834

arr. by David N. Johnson

Prayer

A Time With Children

Reception of New Members

see insert

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "Wondrous Love" arr. Gordon Young

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 160 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 22:39-46

Sermon "Praying in the Crunch"

(#6 in a series on the Lord's Prayer)

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 147 "All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine"

Benediction

Choral Response "Great Art Thou"

Alice Jordan

Postlude "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

J. S. Bach

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### PALM SUNDAY

March 19, 1989 Luke 19:31

#### WHAT'S THE PALM SUNDAY PASSWORD?

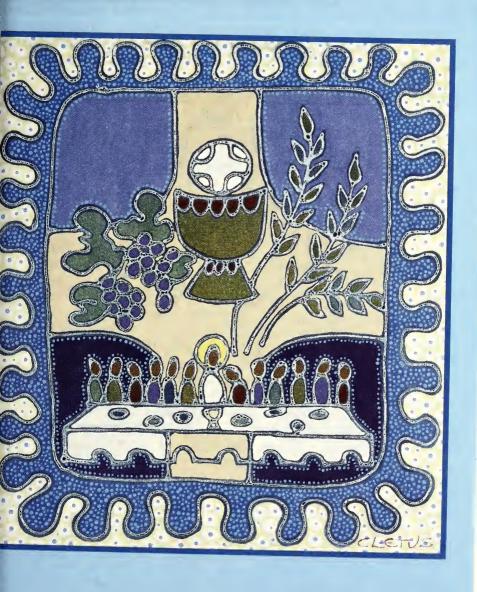
Jesus told his disciples just what to say to the owner of the donkey: "The Lord has need of it." With those words he arranged transportation to show what kind of messiah he was. He did not mount the black stallion or the white charger that traditionally carried kings to war. Instead, he chose a common beast of burden—the donkey, on which rulers sometimes rode when they came in peace.

Christ humbled himself, mounted the donkey, and "became obedient unto death," as Paul would write to the church at Philippi. Drawing on the tradition of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53 and elsewhere, Jesus chose to be a savior by means of humility: "I gave my back the smiters and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard." And from Zechariah 9: "Lo, your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass."

When the great theologian, Karl Barth, was being honored in his eightieth year, he responded to the praise heaped upon him by saying that if he had made any contribution it was as a relative to the ass that carried Jesus. As he saw it, God permitted him to be the donkey to carry Christian theology on a little way. Barth's response shows us how God searches for humble carriers of the Gospel in Jesus' day and in our own.

On Palm Sunday, we might assume the password in "Hosanna!"—which means "God, save us!" But by his actions Jesus showed us that the way God saves is the way of the cross. The Palm Sunday password may be the Messiah saying, "The Lord has need of it"—and of us.

Rev. James K. Manley Foothills Congregational Church Los Altos, CA



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March 23, 1989 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 p.

Prelude

Two Lenten Chorale Preludes J. S. Ba "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" "As Jesus Stood Beside the Cross"

Welcome

Introit

"Ah, Holy Jesus" Johann Crüg

Invocation

\*Hymn 169 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, whom we have ignored and disobeyed: we are amazed and awed that you continue to care for us. Our troubled spirits have chased after gods of our own making, and our self-centered ways have broken the community you intend for your children. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

"Ah, Holy Jesus" Johann Crüg Choral setting by Gary Mathe

Offering |

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

God be with you!

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless You for creation and the gift of life, and for Your abiding love that brings us close to You, the Source of all blessing. We thank You for revealing Your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank You especially that in the fullness of time You sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, share in our suffering, and accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom He loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave, You raised Christ with power to become sovereign in Your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather Your church, by which Your work may be done in the world, and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy Your holy name:

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, The whole universe speaks of Your glory, O God Most High.

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave You thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying; "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Bless, therefore, by Your Holy Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that as we receive them at this table, where we offer You our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and continue faithful to the tasks for which Christ has chosen us.

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

(The bread is distributed.)

Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen.

(The wine is distributed.)

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Our Savior Jesus Christ keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

Let us pray.

We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have received Christ and all Christ's gifts. Send us forth with strength and new commitment to show forth Your praise not only with our lips but in our lives, by offering ourselves in service to you and all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy G

\*Hymn 158 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

The Service of Tenebrae

see insert

At the conclusion of the service the congregation is asked to depart in silence.

Dennis)

(Tune:

is like to that above.

we pour our ardent prayers; Before our Father's throne

are one, Our fears, our hopes, our aims, our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes;

flows our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other the sympathizing

it gives us inward pain; When we asunder part

But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

READINGS SCRIPTURE

12:12,27-31 16:13-19 Matthew COR.

THE PRAYERS

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\*HYMN

Lead us forth, a church united, strong, courageous in Thy might; Lo, the filelds are white with harvest, Lead us on, O King Eternal, so shall love, world-wide, prevail. Thou hast blest  $\circ f$  old Thy servants, as they bore thy message far; God of years, Thy love hath led us, thou has been our bulwark strong. sword of power against "he wrong. One our purpose, one our Leader, thus Thy church shall never fail; sheaves to garner ere the night; Wall of fire against the wicked, We who follow in their footsteps ever more their debtors are.

Consecration of the Elements
The Invitation

The Communion Thanksgiving

The Doxology

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day. Especially we greet and marker. a sking that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Bill Rlanchard and Dr. A. L. CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us day. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors,

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Church Family Softball at College Field 4:00 UCC Anniversary Service 00:9 TODAY:

W. Front Street. A combined choir will sing and Dr. Rollin Russell will preach the sermon. You are invited. THE UCC ANNIVERSARY SERVICE for all area UCC congregations will be held today at 4:00 at the First Reformed UCC on

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff and Julie MacKenzie upon the birth of Chad Steward MacKenzie on June 21.

whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here last evening. Corne whose and to Mary Anne Butler and Robert L. Shearin Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday after-CONGRATULATIONS to Sherleen A. Smith and John R. .

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

Jesus said...



Woman, why are you weeping?"

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March 19, 1989

EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 a.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Symphonie No. V Finale" Charles Marie Wid Carol Marguerite Link, Guest Organist

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit <u>Missa Archangelus</u>: "Sanctus and Benedictus" Larry Ki

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

P. Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

L. Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction, and creates new possibilities.

P. Christ has risen!

L. Christ has risen indeed! Sing, O heaven, and be joyful, O earth!

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

If, at times, we deny you: God, forgive. If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found: God, forgive. If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility: God, forgive. If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors, and

seek to buy freedom with silver: God, forgive. If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God, forgive.

In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Tender God, we are bold to come before you and ask you to forgive us. Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt, so that with joy we may witness to your awesome deeds in Jesus the Risen

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Hallelujah Chorus" from The Mount of Olives Ludwig Van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son, Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim His grace and glory.

Prayer

Reception of New Members

see insert

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "Become to Us the Living Bread"

Words by Miriam Drury Music by Jann Marshall

Become to us the living bread by which the Christian life is fed, Renewed, and greatly comforted, Alleluia, alleluia!

Become the wine, be the wine, the joy that shall incline our hearts to bear the covenant sign, Alleluia, alleluia!

May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise your holy name, O Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!

xology (515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 185 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

I Chronicles 29:10-11 Psalm 145:10-13 Revelation 1:4-30

Sermon

"The Closed and Open End"
(#7 in a series on the Lord's Prayer")

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn 190

"Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response <u>Missa Archangelus</u>: "The Lord's Prayer" Larry King

\*Postlude

"Te Deum"

Jean Langlais

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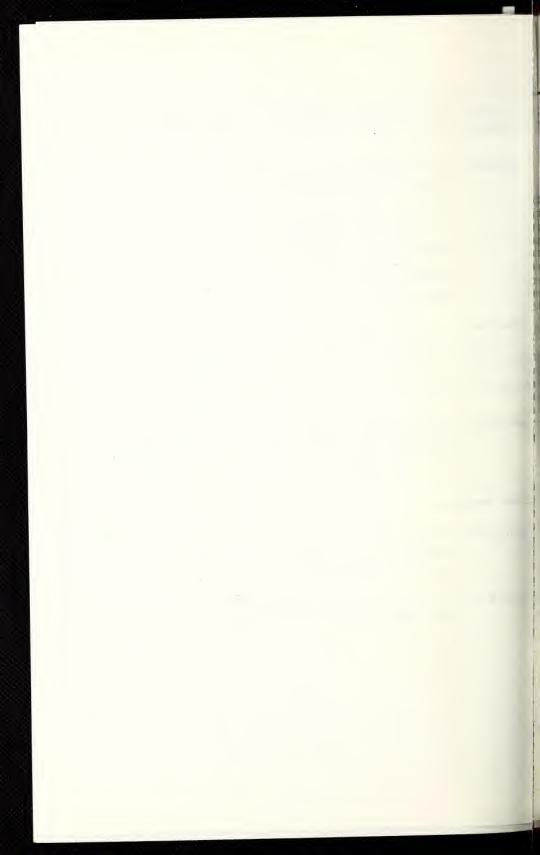
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## ETHICS IN AMERICA

## THE HUMAN EXPERIMENT



On this episode of "Ethics in America," he panelists discuss how medical scientists hay be torn between their roles as personal hysician and researcher. On another program, journalists had to decide whether heir patriotism took precedence over their uties as reporters. One of the burdens of hical thinking is that it compels us to rank he roles we play and decide which is most apportant to us.

HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

Consider the various "hats" you wear—mily member, worker, member of a nurch, citizen. When was the last time you do to make an ethical decision and choose tween competing loyalties? How did you termine which value was the top one? by do our familial roles so often take eccedence over our public responsibilities?

#### TALKING IT OVER

On this program, a man with AIDS seeks vice on whether or not he should paripate in a research study. He needs to aluate the immediate benefits to himself d the long-term benefits to others who ght be helped due to what is learned m the study. He must also look at the risk at he will not be helped or that he will be tually harmed by the project. Weighing the ernatives is a key step in the process of sical deliberation. Who have you turned for counsel and support before deciding on an ethical course of action?

#### THE MOST GOOD

At the end of the program, U. S. Supreme urt Justice Antonin Scalia observes: "You make your judgments on the basis of what produces the most good in the long run." Other times we may evaluate an action based upon its effect upon the "most" people now and in the future. Make a list of the ways and times in your life when you have benefited from someone else's consideration of the "most good."

#### THE PUBLIC GOOD

"Human benefit," wrote ethicist Joseph Fletcher, "is the talisman of ethical propriety and justifies everything we do." Discuss values in the Christian tradition which support placing more emphasis on long-term consequences than on short-term results. What clues can you find in Jesus' life and ministry as to what might be ethical behavior for the public good?

#### TABLE TALK

As important as knowing who we are is knowing where we stand. Philosopher Hugh Prather put it this way:

"Stands must be taken. If I am to respect myself I have to search myself for what I believe is right and take a stand on what I find. Otherwise, I have not gathered together what I have been given; I have not embraced what I have learned; I lack my own convictions."

When did you last take a strong ethical stand? Explain to your family or friends what it meant to you.

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Nursery today: Nell Snyder Nursery next Sunday: Andrea Albertson

Children's Church today: Ann or R.J. Acquilano Children's Church next Sunday: Carolyn Messick

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar.	26	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Church School Worship Service CHURCH COUNCIL
Mon.,	Mar.	27	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Mar.	28	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting
Wed.,	Mar.	29	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., Mar. 30 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study Group on Job (postponed from March 23)

#### EASTER

March 26, 1989 (John 20:15)

"WOMAN, WHY ARE YOU WEEPING? WHOM DO YOU SEEK?"

Mary Magdalene took Jesus to be the gardener. She looked directly at him but did not know him. In the presence of the Lord, she told two angels he had been taken away.

To find out later that grace has been patiently waiting can be cause for major spiritual embarrassment. We can be chagrined to the core at the self-restraint of Jesus, the way Jesus can stand at the door without barging in.

But to awaken to Jesus' persistent availability can be cause for joy. We are not beyond love, mercy, and peace no matter how blind we have been.

Easter rises up to surprise us, God's saving grace more able to save because of catching us off balance, when defenses are down.

But what began as shock and surprise became, within a few years of church history, a matter of organizational loyalty and cognitive assent. By the time of Stephen's death and the conversion of Cornelius, belief rather than astonishment had become the basis for entrance into the Christian community. As Peter put it at Caesarea, the requirement soon became: "Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43).

At the beginning, faith was more spontaneous than that. Response to the risen Christ was at first a startled fright. In the earliest appearances, as with Mary Magdalene in the garden, and the two friends walking the Emmaus Road, and the disciples on the beach, Jesus was at first unrecognized. He was simply and utterly present. Easter astonished at the start, before mystery became dogma.

Today we are far from the sovereign mystery of Easter. It has been a long time since original miracle. What chance astonishment? O God, grant the chance be great!

"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?"

Rev. Paul Davis First Congregational Church of Webster Groves St. Louis, MO



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April 2, 1989

11:00

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Caesar Fr "Pastorale in E Major" Prelude

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Sydney Nicho "Lift High the Cross" Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

This is a brand new day God has given us. What will you do with it?

We want to begin the day by rejoicing in God's Ρ. goodness!

God is here to receive us as we offer our praise and thanksgiving.

May the songs of our lips, the prayers of our Ρ. hearts, and the thoughts of our minds be filled with praise to God!

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 38

"Morning Has Broken"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess of sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wander from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting you love. Have mercy on us, 0 Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive of sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in you ways, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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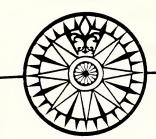
## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Apr. 2 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Youth
5:00 p.m. Board of Christian Ed
6:00 p.m. Family Night

Mon., Apr. 3 -10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 3

Tues., Apr. 4 -10:30 a.m. Senior Citizens Lecture 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 4

Wed., Apr. 5 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



## ETHICS IN AMERICA

## POLITICS, PRIVACY AND THE PRESS

Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis argued that "the right to be left alone is the right most valued by civilized men." Indeed. "privacy" is a ringing word in the American vocabulary, whether it stands for a line drawn against the world ("Private, Keep Out!") or a circle surrounding the individual ("My private life is my own affair"). This episode of "Ethics in America" explores the nature and extent of the right of privacy.

### THE CHARACTER ISSUE

The program focuses upon the press examination of a politician's private life. In recent years, there have been disclosures about candidates' sexual mores, medical histories, and financial dealings. Often their families have also been scrutinized. Do vou enjoy reading this kind of information or do vou resent it? What do you need to know about a candidate in order to judge his or her qualifications for office? How important to you is the "character issue"?

#### THE GOLDEN RULE

On the program, Alan Simpson, U.S. Senator from Wvoming, argues that snoop journalism has gone too far. Referring to reporters who spy on politicians, he asks. "How would vou like it if someone did that to you?" Try to answer his question. Does Simpson's appeal to the Golden Rule in this debate make sense to you? Why or why not? When did vou last use the Golden Rule as the standard for a moral decision?

## NEVER TALK ABOUT...

There's an old saying that you should never talk about politics or religion. The implication is that these belong to the "private" sphere. What things about your life would you never want to discuss or have discussed publicly? How important to you is your privacy? Which do you consider to be the biggest threats to your privacy: family, neighbors, the press, the government, computerized databanks?

#### THE ETHICS OF PRIVACY

Some people believe that privacy has been so overemphasized in American life that individuals have lost their sense of the value of sharing in a community. Do you think privacy and community are either/or considerations? At what points in his life did Jesus seem to savor the right to be alone?

#### TABLE TALK

This is the last episode of "Ethics in America." This week is a good time to consider again the key concept of "doing good." During your table talks with family and friends, you might discuss the following story, shared by Robert Fulghum in his book All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

"A good man was granted one wish by God. The man said he would like to go about doing good without knowing about it. God granted his wish. And then God decided that it was such a good idea, he would grant that wish to all human beings. And so it has been until this day."

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Assurance of Pardon \*Gloria Patri (#513)

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Let This Mind Be In You" Austin C. Lovelace

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death e'en the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Offertory

A Time With Children

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

"Christ is Arisen"

Paul O. Manz

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Psalm 71:15-23; Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon

"Celebrate!"

Gordon Rankin

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 26

"O Be Joyful in the Lord"

Benediction

Choral Response "O Lamb of God"

Gerald Near

Postlude

"Festival Fanfare" Kenneth Leighton

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 2, 1989 John 20:27

Sometimes doubt is the only honest response to faith. For Thomas, this was so: he had been otherwise occupied at the time his friends received the Spirit of the risen Christ. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." And let the confused and doubting say so, too. For they are often one and the same, and Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again for us all.

> Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

### A FANTASTIC INVESTMENT

Did you hear the one about the investment of fifty million dollars which brought a return of billions?

This is not a Wall Street fantasy but an OCWM fact.

Those initials stand for Our Church's Wider Mission-that part of their total support that congregations provide for the conferences and national bodies of the United Church of Christ.

Over the years, our OCWM gifts have helped start the educational and the health and human services institutions that are now affiliated with the United Church of Christ, both at home and overseas.

Today, UCC-related services to older people, to children and youth, and to developmentally disabled people, along with UCCrelated neighborhood and community centers, specialized housing programs, and health institutions, have combined operating expenses of almost one and one half billion dollars!

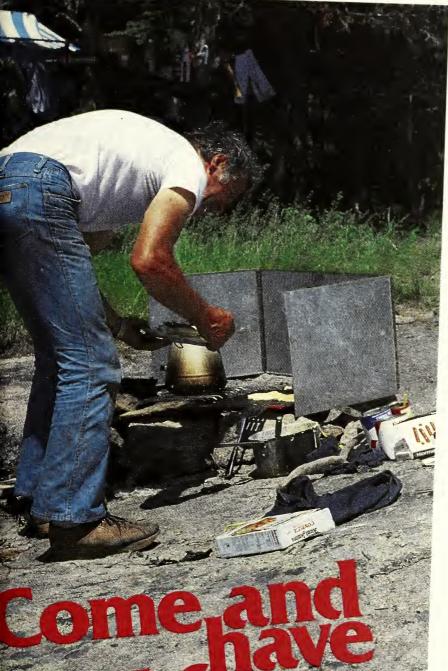
Add to that the cost of running the academies, colleges, and theological seminaries related to the United Church of Christ and

you have hundreds of millions of dollars more!

OCWM couldn't support all those institutions today. Yet, without

OCWM, they wouldn't exist.

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Elizabeth Mayse and Tara McKenna, Acolytes today

April 9, 1989

11:00

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

George Frederick Ha Prelude "Processional and Aria" Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms Introit "This is the Day Which the Lord Hath Made" Hal H. He

Responsive Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name!

Make known God's deeds among the peoples! Ρ.

L. Sing to God, sing praises to God;

Tell of all God's wonderful works! Ρ.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" \*Hymn 6

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have not lived out our life stories, Lord, as you hoped we would. We have not forgiven our enemies sevent times seven. We have not gladly turned the other cheek when people have offended us. We have not gone the seco mile with most people, and with some not even the first We have not befriended the stranger or spoken kindly of the foolish. Yet you have loved us with a steady and unchangeable love. You have been generous to us far beyond our worth, and merciful when we deserved no merc Forgive us, Lord, for seeing the faults of others and r seeing our own. Receive us again as your followers, ar teach us anew how to love and be loved. For yours inde is the kingdom that will be forever. Amen.

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Mr. Irvin R. Williams and Mr. Ray Williams, both of Reidsville, N.C., by Dr. and Mrs. William J. Andes.

FUN CLUB MEETING APRIL 11. The Fun Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House. The program will feature Mrs. Dominique Ireland, who is in charge of program activities for the Elon Homes for Children. She will be assisted by some of the resident counsellors in providing interesting aspects of their daily routine. We will Share-A-Ride to luncheon at "Cap'N Mac's" on Church St. Come out and meet these neighbors of ours!

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today - Lou Harper Nursery next Sunday - Judy Loy

Children's Church today - Marie or Jeff Wilkins Children's Church next Sunday - Louis or Kristin Wilkins

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Apr. 9 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:30 p.m. Youth

7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

on., Apr. 10 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

ues., Apr. 11 -10:30 a.m. Fun Club

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

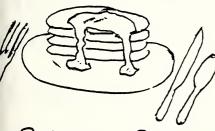
ed., Apr. 12 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

#### TRIBUTE TO CHURCH CHOIRS

A gift to all of us from Lindee LeNoir, soprano Choral Scholar.

Children of God; Singing His glory, Not theirs. Contributing to Worship, Not Performing a concert. Amateurs in the truest sense: Singing for the love of singing, Not for financial reward. Some have no musical training; Others have had some; Still others, much. Some read notes to know what to sing: Others rely on acute ears And an innate sense of melody and rhythm. Some voices are nearly professional; Others are quite adequate. They come... Rehearsing but one hour each week, Thinking just how good they might become If they rehearsed one hour each day. But they are mothers and fathers with children to care for; They are business people and farmers, Teachers, laborers, and students With other commitments that drain away Their time and energy. But still they come. And rehearse, And sing for Sunday worship And for special services, Because they love God And want to serve Him.

# FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SUNDAY APR. 16 800 AM



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# WITNESS OF FAITH

nthem "You Shall Go Out In Joy" Donald Grantham "You shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the trees of the field shall clap their hands; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- Isaiah 55:12-13

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Time With Children

Beth Lyon

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Innouncement of the Offering

)ffertory "Thanks Be to Thee" George F. Handel The text will be sung in German, the language which Handel selected for this aria. Translation:

All thanks to Thee, Lord who hast brought thy people forth, Israel, safe through the sea! Even as a flock following the shepherd, Lord, by thy hand are we led, so by thy grace salvation is ours.

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

lymn 317 "I Love to Tell the Story" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:3-9

"Living in a Great Story"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 322

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Benediction

Sermon

Choral Response "Whatsoever You Do"

Hal H. Hopson

Postlude "Concerto IV in F Major-Allegro"

George Frederick Handel

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 9, 1989 John 21:12

"Let's do lunch."

"We must get together soon."

"I'll call you next week."

"We'll be in touch."

Jesus really did get back in touch. More, he taught and lived a way to share the joys and defeats of life. When we love, when we break bread together, when we share what we have: it is then that Jesus has come back to us again.

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

#### A PARTNER IN SERVICE

Imalia Komalo is an Indonesian of Chinese descent. As a child, she learned the unhappy lessons that are part of the education of minority people throughout the world—resentment, discrimination, and abuse. But in the Christian church Imalia found reconciliation and acceptance.

At a Christian university in Indonesia, Imalia earned a bachelor's degree, and then found work with the Council of Churches in Indonesia. Responsibility for liaision with the World Council of Churches further expanded her ecumenical vision.

With the support of a fellowship from the United Church Board for World Ministries, Imalia came to the United States to study for a master's degree in human ecology at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Today Imalia Komalo holds an important position with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees. In her work with groups of Vietnamese boat people on islands east of Singapore, she uses many of the skills she learned while in the United States.

Imalia sees Christian stewardship as a life challenge, a way of saying thanks for God's presence and power in her life. She is a partner who understands the world's need for channels of God's love.



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# April 16, 1989

11:00

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Prelude Improvisation on the Hymn Tune
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Sanctus (Holy Lord)"

Richard Pr

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ who remains with us forever.

When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy,

and peace grow.

L. We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear these fruits together with all God's people.

ALL With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, and nation we sing: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 188 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, 0 Go When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, 0 Go When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your ful forgive us, 0 God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

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Nursery today: Judy Loy Nursery next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

un.,	Apr. 16	-	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast Church School Worship Service Board of Missions College Fellowship Youth at Shallowford UCC
on.,	Apr. 17	-	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
ues.,	Apr. 18	-	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Habitat for Humanity First Reformed UCC
ed.,	Apr. 19	-		Community Watch Program Seekers Classroom Adult Choir Rehearsal
iurs.	April 10	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 1989 John 10:27

A recurring theme of the gospels has to do with "ears that do not hear" and "eyes that do not see." When Jesus called himself shepherd, he expressed confidence in a relationship with those who would see his acts of witness and would hear his voice in their lives. There is much to see and hear about Jesus Christ. Yet the signs of his love sometimes seem hidden. Watch for the signs of his presence; listen for the sound of his voice. As Jesus has promised, they will lead us to God.

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

#### "REVOLUTION FROM THE HEART"

During twenty-four years as a missionary on the Philippine island of Negros, Niall O'Brien, a Roman Catholic priest, underwent a "revolution from the heart" as he pondered the terrible reality of institutional injustice in poor countries.

"There are three basic reactions of people who care about what's happening in the world," he says. "First, there's crisis intervention,

where you hand out some money.

"Then suddenly you see that you need to grow past that, and you say, 'I want to help them to be independent, to be self-reliant.'

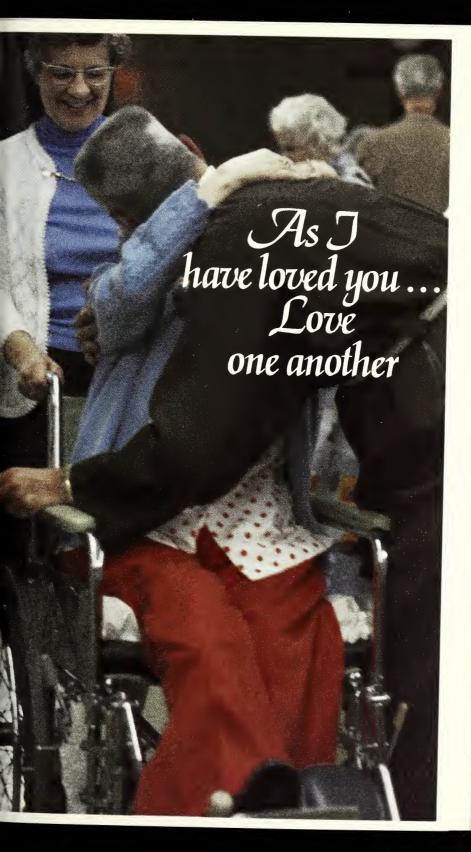
"Third is social transformation, where you want to change the

structures which may pit us against one another."

In reaching his new understanding of what it means to lead a Christian life, Father O'Brien eventually landed in prison in the Philippines. Even that experience could not shake his commitment to non-violence, or his faith that the rich and powerful, too, may be reborn to work for justice. "The guards and warden were victims like us," he says. "They were our brothers, and if I ever allowed myself to hate them my years in the Philippines would be wasted."

Father O'Brien has been an inspiration to many other missionaries. His "revolution from the heart" applies to all who seek to

lead a Christian life.



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Brian Harper and Ryan Harris, Acolytes today

April 23, 1989

11:00

Prelude

"Prayer"
"Meditation"

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Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "The Eyes of All Wait Upon You" Douglass E. W.
The eyes of all wait upon you, and you given them
food in due season. You open your hand, and satisfy
the desire of every living thing. You are just in
all your ways.

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Rejoice for God is among us.

P. Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people.

L. Sing praise, for we come to worship God.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Att. Tune HYF

Call to Confession

Unison Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within u we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Ou successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure t feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

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THERE WILL BE A CALLED MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL on April 30th immediately following Church to consider the Van Proposal from the Board of Trustees.

Nursery today: Marie Wilkins Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Children's Church today: Patricia or Robin Woody Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Mon.,	April	24	-	6:00 7:00	p.m. p.m.	Brownie Scouts Girl Scouts
Tues.,	April	25	-	7:00	p.m.	Senior Citizen Lecture Cub Scouts After School Committee
Wed.,	April	26	_	7:30	n.m.	Adult Chair Pahaarsal

Wed., April 26 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

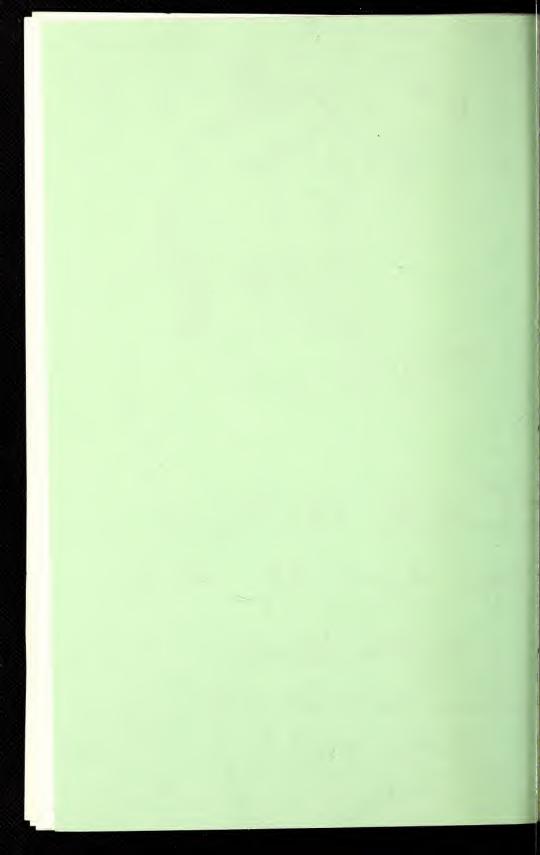
Thurs., April 27 - 7:00 p.m. District Men's
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Sat., April 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. YOUTH CAR WASH





# CAR WASH Set. April 29 10-2 by the Youth socceeds to benefit clus



Gloria Patri (#513)

Psalter Reading Psalm 145:13b-21

Anthem "I Was a Wayward Child" Donald P. Moore

I was a wand'ring sheep; I did not love the fold; I did not love my Shepherd's voice; I would not be controlled. I was a wayward child; I did not love my home; I did not love my Father's voice; I loved afar to roam. The Shepherd sought his sheep; The Father sought his child; They followed me o'er hill and vale, O'er deserts waste and wild.

I was a wand'ring sheep; I would not be controlled; But now I love my Shepherd's voice; I love, I love the fold. I was a wayward child; I once preferred to roam; But now I love my Father's voice; I love, I love his home.

Time With Children

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Offertory "The Lord Is My Light"

ffertory Prayer

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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rayers of the People

L. The Lord be with you

P. And with you also

L. Let us pray.

fter each petition:

L. Lord in your mercy.

P. Hear our prayer.

ymn 204 "Rejoice the Lord is King"

enediction

noral Response "As the Father Loves Me, So Have I

Loved You" Ralph C. Schultz

ostlude "Grand Plein Jeux" Nicolas Clerambault

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 1989 John 13:34

Through his love for us, Jesus Christ has opened a new circle of caring within which we may live.

To step into that circle means...

finding a new heaven and a new earth;

risking great miracles and great tragedies;

being embraced by a love that changes us forever.

"Love one another" is a call to involvement and relationship that will redirect our lives and transform the world.

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

#### JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

Was Christ's Last Supper a Passover seder? Scholars disagree on that question, but all recognize the intimate relationship between Jesus and Judaism. The man from Nazareth made his fateful visit to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the Passover, and died without repudiating the religion of his parents and community.

Christians, understandably preoccupied with the impact of the Pentecost events upon some of the people of Israel, largely ignored those who did not join the new churches. After all, the portrayal of Judaism in the New Testament provided little encouragement for

Christian interest in the subject.

Furthermore, for centuries most Christians subscribed to the doctrine that the church replaced Israel as God's people. But in more recent times Christians have reconsidered that tenet, and in 1987, the 18th General Synod of the United Church of Christ declared that Judaism has not been superseded by Christianity. "God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been abrogated," the delegates asserted in a statement adopted by overwhelming vote.

Today Christians are seeking a new understanding of Judaism, and with it finding a new appreciation of our common kinship. Dialogue is supplanting disputation, and partnership proselytization. The United Church of Christ has been in the forefront of this

movement.



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Vega Herold and Amy Rose, Acolytes today

Julia Morris, Liturgist Today

April 30, 1989

11:00 a

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Voluntary in C Major for Two Trumpets and Organ (Preston Mayo, Kevin Byrd, Trumpets) Henry Purce

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Awake, Psaltery and Harp" Douglas E. Wagr Awake psaltery and harp: Early in the morning I will praise You. I will praise You, Lord, among the people; Lord, I will ever praise Your name!

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God is near to all who call upon God, to all who approach the Almighty in truth.

P. We look to God, who supplies our food and fulfills the desires of those who cry for aid.

L. God is faithful and gracious in word and deed, raising and upholding those bowed down and fallen.

P. We seek God's kindness and justice amid our tears and our hopes.

L. With open hands God welcomes us and perserves us from wickedness.

P. Our mouths will speak the praise of God; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn 16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Generous Provider, you have loved us and met our needs, even when we have ignored you and resisted your Word. We have not loved you or one another as you command, but have looked for saviors in our own image and have given our attention to those from whom we think we can gain. We have closed our eyes to the suffering and pain we help to inflict on some of your children. Forgive us and turn us around, lest our care and concern come too late to help other children whom you love. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem A Concertata on the Hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Walter L. Pelz

This anthem is written for congregation, Choir, organ, and trumpets. The Congregation is requested to sing heartily on the verses so indicated.

(Trumpets: Kevin Byrd, Charles Barnes, Preston Mayo.)

ONGREGATION: 1.

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

ONGREGATION AND ORGAN: 2.

Crown him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;

Fruit of the mystic rose, As of that rose the stem; The root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.

HOIR ONLY: 3.

Crown him the Lord of Love, Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified. No Angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR: 4.

Crown him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o'er the grav And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

ALL: 5.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven, Enthroned in worlds abov Crown him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.

Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall: Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

A Litany for Higher Education

For minds that are keen, bodies that are strong, souls that are inspired,

We thank you, God, for our wondrous selves. P.

For the privilege of sharing the wisdom of ages, the L. insights of all humankind, the cultures of our worl the skills of our civilization,

We thank you, God, for these wondrous gifts. Ρ.

For the excitement of discovering, the stimulation L. struggling, the exhilaration of understanding,

We thank you, God, for the zesty times. Ρ.

For the halls of learning, laboratories and practic rooms, gymnasiums, classrooms and stuffy halls, L. libraries, and cafeterias,

We thank you, God, for those whose generosity P. enabled these to be built.

For teachers who bring out the best, who stimulate thirst for learning, who love and care,

We thank you, God, for these friends. Р.

For the joy of experiencing and creating the beautiful: the sounds, sights, and symbols of literature, music, and art,

We thank you, God, for the great range of beauty Ρ.

you have set before us.

For the freedom we enjoy: to investigate unpopula facts, to debate both sides of an issue, to assemb and oppose, to agree and disagree,

We thank you, God, for those who have given thei Ρ. lives to gain or keep for us these freedoms.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh by Mr. and Mrs. Phalti Lawrence.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL immediately after the worship service this morning to consider the Van Proposal from the Board of Trustees.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP members are asked to bring an offering for the Foreign Mission Fund to circle meetings in May. This offering and canned goods for the church food closet are the Friendly Service projects for the month.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED are sponsoring a May Fellowship Luncheon on Friday, May 5, 1989 at noon at First Reformed UCC, 513 W. Front Street, Burlington. Tickets are \$4.00 and are available in the church office.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Kim Perry

Children's Church today: Sheree Smith Children's Church next Sunday: Lou Harper

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 30 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Church Council
1:15 p.m. Trip to Zoo
6:00 p.m. Seekers Covered Dish

Circles 1 & 2 10:30 a.m. May 1 Mon., Brownie Scouts 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Circle 3 7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. May 2 Tues., Circle 4 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. May 3

Wed., May 3 - 7:30 p.m. Address Committee
Thurs., May 4 - 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

L. Grant, gracious God, that we may be diligent in our studies and loving in our relationships; that as we learn how to make a living, we may learn how to live; that as we strengthen our minds and bodies, we may strengthen our souls; that as we learn dexterity and clarity we may learn integrity and charity.

Ρ. Amen!

Other Prayers

A Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Let Us With A Gladsome Mind" Alan Ridout (The text of the anthem is that of Hymn #79)

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35

Sermon

"Christ's Strange Peace"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn 340 "They Cast Their Nets in Galilee"

\*Benediction

Choral Response "The Eyes of All Wait Upon You"

Douglas E. Wagner

Postlude

"Festival Fanfare"

John Clark

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 1989 John 14:27

Jesus promises that...

when we love him and order our lives according to his teachings he will make his home within us.

As we tend the love of Jesus within us,

we will understand where he has gone and what he has done.

We will learn that he always goes where he is needed.

And we will learn that he sends us where we can serve.

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos. CA

#### UCC COLLEGE HERITAGE DAY

No part of the United Church of Christ heritage in higher education is prouder than that of the American Missionary Association. Its mission to educate freed slaves included a bold plan to establish black colleges throughout the South. Today, the United Church of Christ continues to maintain close relationships with the historic AMA institutions: Dillard and Fisk universities, Huston-Tillotson, LeMoyne-Owen, Talladega, and Tougaloo colleges.

UCC programs providing quality education for minority students did not cease with the AMA. Our colleges know that a heritage provides more than an excuse for pride. It also represents a chal-

lenge to new educational mission in equality.

Today, all thirty of the colleges related to the United Church of

Christ are deepening their commitment to that goal.

At Northland College in Wisconsin, for example, the proportion of Native American students is one of the highest in the nation. Hawaii Loa College and Pacific University in Oregon have special emphases for Asian-Pacific students. Hood College in Maryland has a program for Hispanic students. Carleton, Defiance, and Ursinus colleges have recently received grants from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to strengthen support programs and educational opportunities for minority students.

We support these new programs in educational equality with our

gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

James A. Smith, Jr. United Church Board for Homeland Ministries at they may all b

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FLON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-0 Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Don Danley and Shawn McKenna, Acolytes

May 7, 1989

11:00 a

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Dr. Dorcas Lohr, Guest Musician

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

"This Is The Day" Introit

Douglass War

Responsive Call to Worship

The earth and all that is in it belongs to God,

For God has made the sea its foundation Ρ. and made firm upon it the rivers of the deep.

So let us rejoice in God and in all creation.

We shall rejoice in the God of Hosts, Ρ. the God of Glory!

Lift up your heads, O gates! A11: Lift them high, O everlasting doors! For the God of Glory shall enter and reign over us all!

#### PRAISE OF GOD

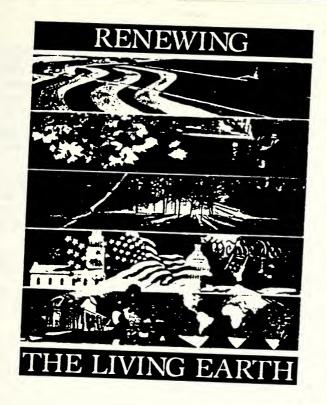
Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" \*Hymn #20

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, Source of all that makes life possible, Giver all that makes life good, we gather to give you our thanks. Yet we confess that we have often failed to liv our thankfulness: what we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty with little thought for those who will come after



# LITANY

eader: Thanks be to God, the giver of life and maker of earth;

People: All praise and thanks to you, O God.

eader: You renew the earth, a gift to us in our time;

eople: All praise and thanks to you, O God.

rader: We would be builders of God's earth;

eople: For gifts unseen, we sing God's praises.

ader: We would be stewards of plants, soil, and water; .

cople: For gifts unseen, we sing God's praises.

ader: We would be renewing our responsible national purpose;

cople: Give us your vision, O God.

ader: We would be rebuilding our institutions for tomorrow;

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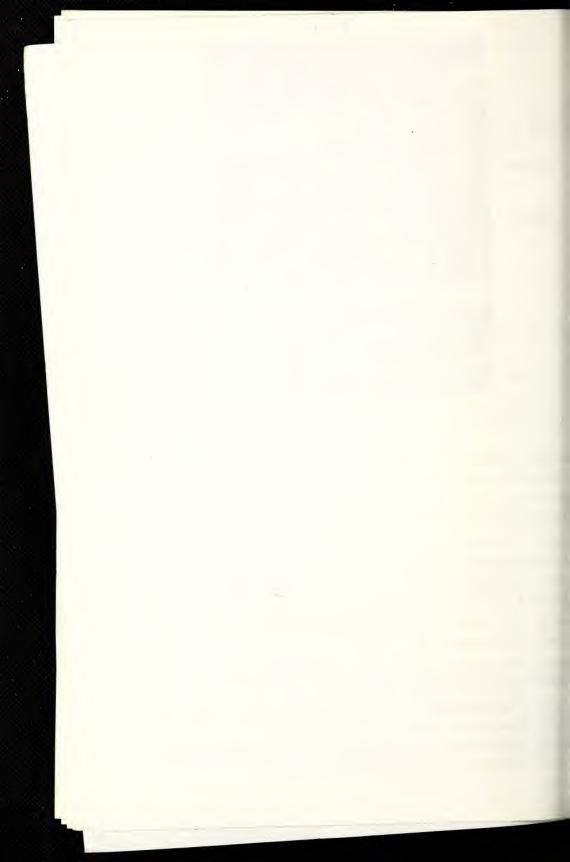
der: The little ways we mark our place gives faithful meaning;

ople: God's praises we sing in grateful devotion.

der: God of all life, we raise our hymn of faithful stewardship;

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lankford in memory of their daughter, Marsha and in honor of their daughter, Jeanne Purdy.

THE FUN CLUB will meet Tuesday morning, May 9th at 10:30 а.m. in the Parish House. Mr. John Ketcham will be our guest speaker. After the program we will go out to lunch. We invite everyone to attend.

Nursery today: Kim Perry Mursery next Sunday: Mary Louise Boyd

Children's Church today: Lou Harper hildren's Church next Sunday: Sue or Jim Brown

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

un., May 7 - 9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service 1:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

5:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education

7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

on., May 8 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

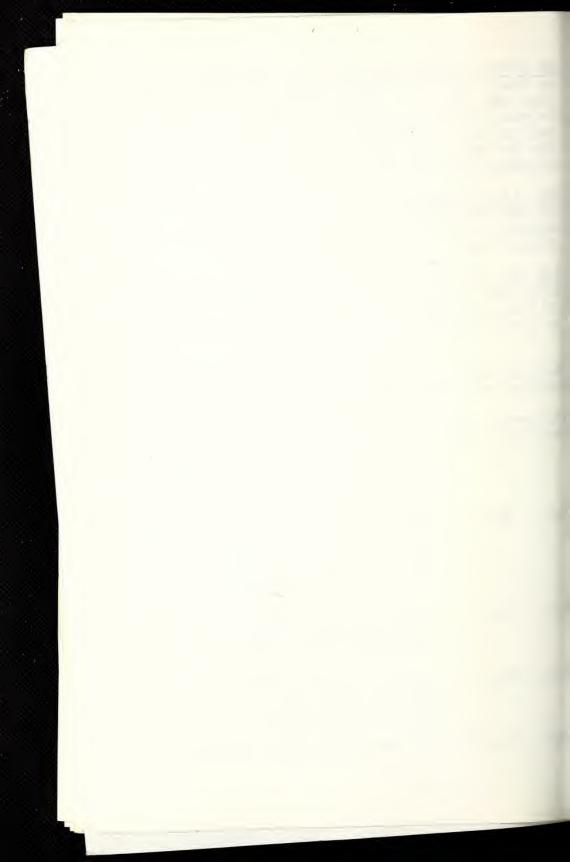
6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts

7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

es., May 9 - 9:30 a.m. College Graduation Worship

10:30 a.m. Fun Club 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

d., May 10 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving, and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee"

Edward C. Bairstow

rayer

Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ffertory

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

ymn #227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

cripture Reading

Isaiah 45:18-23

ermon

"Formed to Be Inhabited"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

mn #485

"This Is My Father's World"

nediction

oral Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart"

Alice Jordan

stlude

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 1989 John 17:21, 23

Our "oneness" has a purpose: it calls others to faith by manifesting the joy and the power of unity in Jesus Christ. Our oneness has another purpose, too: it fulfills the prayer of Jesus and gives visible form to his Spirit in the world. But to speak of Christian oneness is to name a vision yet unfulfilled. May the prayer of Jesus grow within our church and our lives. For it is the Spirit that struggles within us, working to make us one.

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

#### CHINA

"Undoubtedly, the highlight of the first six months in this year has been our trip to the People's Republic of China," write Evelyn and Armin Kroehler, United Church Board for World Ministries missionaries in Japan.

"We had opportunity to visit seven churches during our brief stay. They told us there are about four million Christians in China, compared with three million three years ago! It is truly amazing! What has not happened under direct western influence is now taking place under the guidance of God's spirit through the Chinese Christians themselves.

"It seems to us that there is a reassessment being made by the non-Christian Chinese of the contributions made by western missions in China," the Kroehlers report. "There is no doubt that paternalism and a lack of understanding of Chinese culture on the part of some missionaries...contributed to anti-western feeling. But not only Chinese Christians now seem to appreciate the positive contributions made by western missionaries."

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission contribute to ministries whose influence continues long after we, and the persons we support, are gone.

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May 14, 1989

11:00 a

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Prelude on "Rhosymedre": My Song Is Love Unkno Ralph Vaughan Will

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit Psalm 150

Richard Ta

Call to Worship

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn #29

"Now Thank We All Our God"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebratio of the coming of your Spirit is often an empty ritual. Through the Spirit you offer us life, but we cling to the ways of death. Through the Spirit you offer us freedom, but we cling to our chains. Through the Spirit you offer us unity, but we continue building walls between ourselv and others. Through the Spirit you offer us power, but

shrink away in fear and doubt.
Forgive us, 0 God, that we refuse the gifts you offer Allow us to touch the risen Christ, that our doubt may b overcome. Let us sing and dance with joy, truly celebrating your presence. Let us move with courage into the world with the word of your love. We pray in the powerf

name of Jesus. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

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# WITNESS OF FAITH

them "O Clap Your Hands (from Psalm 47)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible: de is a great King over all the earth. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises to God, Sing praises unto our King.

or God is the King of all the earth, sing ye praises veryone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the eathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. ing Praises!

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# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

ouncement of the Offering

ertory "Arise, My Lord Is Risen" from Five Mystical Songs (baritone, Leonard Rowe) Ralph Vaughan Williams

ise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without lays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise th him may'st rise: That, as his death calcined thee dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Jesus.

wake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. e cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore e same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what y is best to celebrate this most high day.

nsort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant d long: Or since all music is but three parts vied, and ltiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And ke up our defects with his sweet art.

logy (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

#242 "Holy Spririt, Truth Divine" ildren third grade and younger leave for Children's rch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 1:30-35; 2:33-35, 41-52; 8:19-21; John 19:25-27; Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4

Sermon "The Holy Spirit and a Mother"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD Using Liturgy

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper thymn #245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

John Rutt

The response will be sung by the Elon Choral Scholars as a goodbye and blessing to the congregation.

\*Postlude Fantasy on "Hyfrodol" Alleluia: Sing To Jesus" Ralph Vaughan Willia

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

## COMMUNION LITURGY I

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

God be with you.

And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth, and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful to your covenant, even when we are faithless.

He rejoice that you call the entire human family to chis table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ thom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good ews. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived mong us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer nd die on the cross for us, to be raised from death n the third day, and then to live in glory.

(A seasonal preface, according to the season of the church year, will be given by a minister here.)

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit in on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strangthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

(The bread is distributed)

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen!

(The cup is distributed)

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Amen!

- continued -

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood, that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love, and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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Children's Church today: Sue or Jim Brown and Jamie Brown

Children's Church next Sunday: Janet or Mike Mayse and Christie Rich

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	May	14	-	11:00	a.m.	Church School Worship Service Junior Fellowship
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Mon., May 15 - 6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts
-7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Tues., May 16 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., May 17 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., May 18 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

#### PENTECOST

May 14, 1989 John 14:26

Teachers wait for the "teachable moment," when their students can learn. Philip's honest request of Jesus—"Lord, show us God, and we shall be satisfied"—revealed that he was ready. On the day of Pentecost, Christ's followers were ready, too. And so the Holy Spirit was given with power. Worship can be a teachable moment when we truly open ourselves to the Holy Spirit. This day, let us say with faith: "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

### STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" asked Nathanael (John 1:46).

We know that the Good News came out of Nazareth in the person of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus called disciples, he invited them to "Come, follow me." That invitation changed their lives. Ever since, people have been led by that invitation to confess their faith and join the community of believers.

Being a Christian not only means accepting the invitation, but also extending it to others. But how can we in the United Church of Christ issue that invitation in the many communities where there is no UCC congregation?

Our church-starting and church-renewing program has not kept pace as the American people moved—from cities to suburbs and back again, and from frost to sunshine. In some places, we are even slipping behind.

To begin to catch up calls for a concerted nationwide effort. General Synod has recognized the need by establishing Strengthen the Church, a new all-church offering to start new churches, renew older ones, and develop new leadership. This morning, many congregations will receive this Thank Offering for the United Church of Christ.

When the plate is passed to you, please respond to the invitation to give to the church just as gratefully as you did to the invitation to join the church.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit

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May 21, 1989

11:00 a.

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in G minor" Dietrich Buxtehu Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

"Holy, Lord God" Introit

Vincent Persichet

Call to Worship

God has said: From the rising of the sun even to its going down, my name shall be great among the peoples.

Jesus said: Other sheep I have, which are not of Ρ. this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Paul and Barnabas said: For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost part of the earth."

We stand with them in the tradition of God's mission Ρ. enterprise. We bring good tidings. We will lift u our voices with strength, and not be afraid.

# PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

"Christ for the World We Sing" \*Hvmn #295

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, to being at ease in Zion, content with small horizons, resistant to learning something that might shake us up, reluctant to venture into the unknown,

pressed more by the power we have amassed than by your wer to dissolve and rebuild, frightened nearly to death the changes your rule might bring in our lives. O give some sense of call today that will lift us higher, and able us to see with your eyes the vision you have for to accomplish. So may we find our forgiveness in that ue repentance which is revised living under your will; rough Jesus Christ our Lord.

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# WITNESS OF FAITH

them "Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song" Hal H. Hopson Sing to the Lord a joyful song. Lift up your hearts. ing Alleluia! Shout his praises, people everywhere. raise him for life, for rest and food. Praise him for yes and ears to sense his world. Praise him for love and all that's true. For all these things we praise him."

Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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fertory "Now Pray We To the Holy Spirit"

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# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

mon "Suffering in Southern Africa" Dr. Peter Millard

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #414 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Day By Day"

Harold W. Freidel

\*Postlude "Canzona

"Canzona in F Major" Andrea Gabriel

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

We welcome as visitors today Peter Millard, M.D., and Emil Wesson, R.N., and their son Syasha Andrew. Peter and Emil served as missionaries in Zimbabwe for a three-year term that ended last summer, and this congregation contributed to their support during that period. They presently live in Orono, Maine, where Peter has been serving as a physician to students attending the University of Maine. Their older children, Cameron and Maria, are staying with grandparents in New Jersey for the weekend.

# Bake Sale

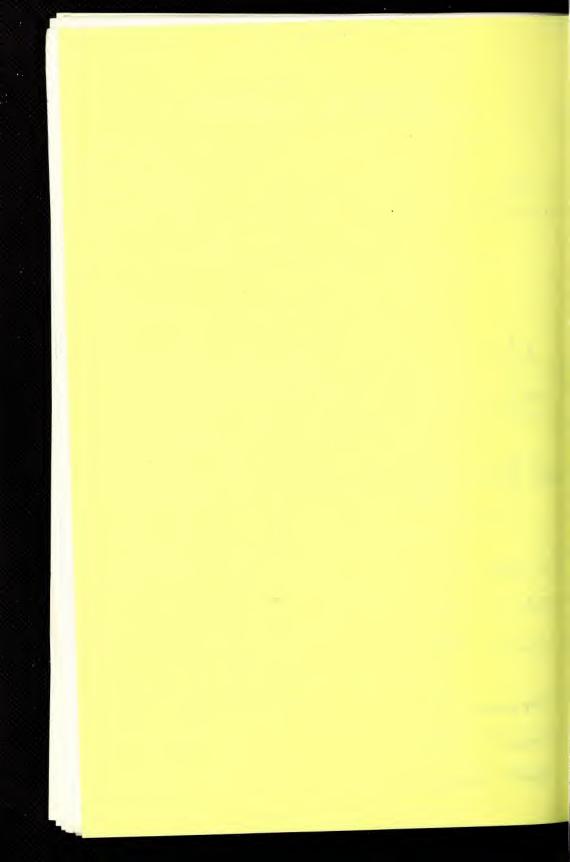
Sunday May 21

After Church on the front lawn

(in case of rain in the Youth Room)

Proceeds to benefit the Yorth Group





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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds by the family.

Don't forget the meeting concerning SUMMER CAMP at 4 p.m. today in the Youth Room for children and youth entering grades 3-12 and their parents. Find out more about the exciting things the Southern Conference will offer this year!

Nursery today: Phyllis Young Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Children's Church today: Cecilia Welborn and

Brian Harper

Children's Church next Sunday: Maxine Rich and Rob Woody

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	May 21	-	11:00 12:00 4:00	a.m. p.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Youth Bake Sale Youth Camp Meeting Family Night Dinner
Mon.,	- Mav 22	<b>-</b> .	10:30	a mī=	Praver Group

Mon.,	May 22	 10:30	a.mī.=	Prayer Group
				Brownie Scouts
		7:00	p.m.	Girl Scouts

Tues., May 23 - 10:30 a.m. Senior Citizen Lecture 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., May 24 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 21, 1989 Romans 5:5

God's love does not wait until we ask. Even before we know to ask, God lavishes us with love. It pours forth, floods into our hearts through the Holy Spirit! And what have we *done* to merit this extravagance? Absolutely nothing. God's gift of love is not proportionate to anything we can do. It is commensurate with God's infinite grace, purchased for us by the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. That faith assures our salvation.

#### GREAT PLAINS MINISTRIES

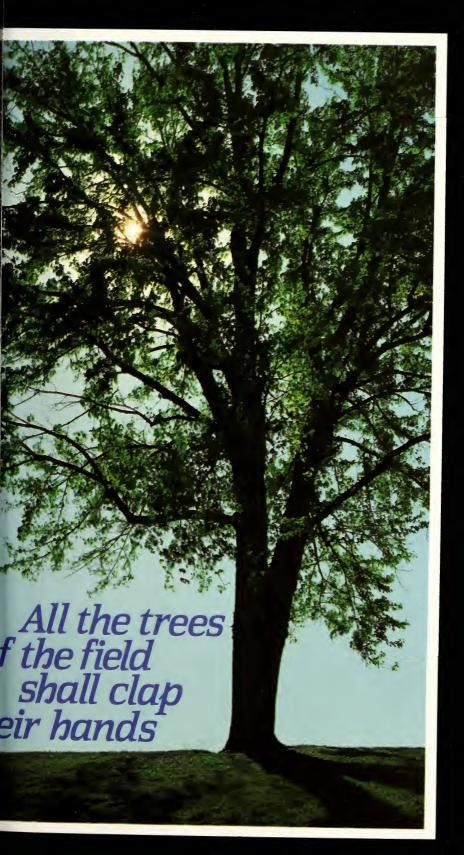
Life has never been easy in Nebraska. But through organization and cooperation, the sturdy and resourceful people of the Cornhusker State built a good life for themselves on the Great Plains. That tradition continues today.

In 1984, the town of North Platte, Nebraska, recognized the need for a residential facility for the chronically mentally ill. Since then, the Great Plains Housing Advocacy Corporation has provided more than twenty apartments. Pre-vocational programs help residents secure meaningful employment after they leave the shelter.

The Great Plains Organizing Project, based in Lincoln, Nebraska, is a coalition of church and community groups working to help farmers and ranchers protect their livelihood in a time of falling prices and foreclosures. The project has sparked new legislation, provided legal help, and enhanced a sense of community as families try to maintain their heritage and way of life.

The Nebraska Rural Life Task Force, also in Lincoln, is another partner in mission with the farmers, ranchers, and their families in rural Nebraska. The Task Force has helped organize communities hard hit by the agricultural crisis of the last five years, equipping them with resources and strategies necessary to survive the crisis.

Through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, we support these programs with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



# ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 5
Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors E
Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor
Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmast

Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmast Nicole Hammond and Tara McKenna, Acolytes Today

May 28, 1989

11:

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Meditation and Reverie" Lois
Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms
Introit "Brethern, We Have Met to Worship" Dor

Call to Worship

Come, you fearful and you faithful; God dwells with you.

P. God see our hearts and minds;
He knows the causes to which we are committed.

L. Sing to God: praise Him all the day long!

God delivers the needy from the hand of evildoen P. We must speak up in God's name,

for God's Word is like a burning fire in our beautions forever and ever, though nations perisonand fires of division are cast upon the earth.

P. God hears the desires of the meek and brings justice and strength to the oppress

# PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses"

\*Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are dead in our sins, cut off from source of life, unable to receive the living Word you us. We claim to follow Christ but instead go our own We call on you for insight and blessing but fail to for which you empower us. We dry up inside, ignoring healing waters of your love that brings new life and Save us, God, for we cannot save ourselves. Amen.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clem in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. H. Russell Clem, Mrs. Bessie Clem, Mr. Wendell Clem, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McConkey.

There will be a <u>CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</u> this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom.

CLEAN UP DAY for Church School Classrooms is Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Please lend a hand:

Don't forget the Youth Group's <u>RECYCLING PROJECT</u> on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your newspapers and aluminum cans to the Parish House parking lot, or call the church office to request pick-up.

Articles for the TORCH are due Tuesday morning.

lursery today: Lou Harper

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Children's Church today: Maxine Rich and Rob Woody
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Daniel Doyle

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 28 7:00 a.m. Youth to Carowinds

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL

on., May 29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 p.m. Brownie Scouts

7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR - continued -

Wed., May 31 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., June 1 7:30 p.m. Summer Day Camp Open House

Sat., June 3 10:00 a.m. Clean Up Day

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Ave Verum (Jesu, Word of God Incarnate)"

W. A. Mozart

Prayer

A Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"Lord Speak to Me" Hymn 397

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13, Luke 6:42-49

Sermon

"The Living Word" Dr. Dorcas Lohr

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 258

"Lord, Thy Word Abideth"

Benediction

Choral Response "A Blessing" William Ferris

\*Postlude "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Don Hustad

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 28, 1989 Isaiah 55:12

Trees clapping their hands?

Try: children with their stomachs full and no cause to fear the future.

Mountains and hills breaking into song?

Try: no more apartheid; a home for one and all; no more arms race.

There is a vision of renewal. There is a vision of joy. It is poetry, it is prophecy, it is promise.

Rev. Diane Dulin San Carlos Community UCC San Carlos, CA

#### CHILDREN AT STAKE

Last year almost fifteen million children under the age of five years died, most from diseases and conditions that could have been prevented.

Up to one-third of them could have survived if they had been immunized against six common diseases: diphtheria, whooping cough, polio, tetanus, tuberculosis, and measles. While not usually fatal in and of themselves, these diseases are deadly when they strike children already weakened by malnutrition, pneumonia, and other debilitating maladies.

That is why programs of preventive immunization are an important part of our overseas health ministries.

Other preventive programs require nothing more than a change in habits.

Immunological qualities found in a mother's milk are transferred to the child who nurses. Thus, if all mothers who were able breastfed their babies, within a decade a million lives a year would be saved. Infant hygiene would also be greatly improved, as would the nutritional leve's of these young children.

Another five million childhood deaths each year are attributed to severe diarrheal infection. But oral rehydration therapy, a simple procedure in which carefully balanced amounts of sugar and salt are added to purified water, can help save hundreds of thousands of childrens' lives.

Preventive medicine does not make headline-grabbing health news. But it saves young lives, and that is why we support it with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

let my servant be healed

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June 4, 1989

YOUTH SUNDAY

11:00

Katie B

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Psalm Prelude III "The Lord is My Shepherd"
Herbert How

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "All My Hope on God is Founded" Herbert How

Call to Worship
L. Make a Joyful noise to God, all the lands!

P. It is God who made us, and to God we belong; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

L. Enter into worship in a spirit of thanksgiving; serve God in praise and gladness.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

L. Grace to you and peace from God, our Creator, and from our Savior, Jesus Christ.

P. God keeps covenant with us day by day, showing steadfast love to all who serve.

# PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn #263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" -=

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Brian

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are not worthy of your presence with us. have settled for the evil that maintains advantage for some at the expense of others. We have deserted the gospel in favor of the wisdom of the marketplace. We have

ught human favor at the cost of our integrity. Our sins ndemn us. Only you can save. Hear us and change us. en.

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# WITNESS OF FAITH

"As Tenderly as a Father" chem John Shepherd "As tenderly as a father loves his children, our God loves each one of us. As warmly as a mother cares for her children, our God cares for each and ev'ry one of us. How beautiful to know that God is always near to

love, to care. Our God is everywhere."

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ime With Children

Beth Lyon

ognition of Christian Educators in our Church eption of New Members

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# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

ouncement of the Offering

Brian Harper

ertory "Blessed Jesu, At Thy Word"

J. S. Bach

ology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

n #381 "My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff" nildren third grade and younger leave for Children's urch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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"Authority, Humility, and Faith"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

#412 "O Master Workman of the Race" \*Benediction

\*Choral Response "As You Have Promised, Lord"

Ron Ne

\*Postlude

"Two Pieces in Free Style: Vivace; Ruhig bewegt" Hugo Dis

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

We receive into membership this morning on reaffirmation faith Dr. Clare Myers and the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Lohr.

# CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

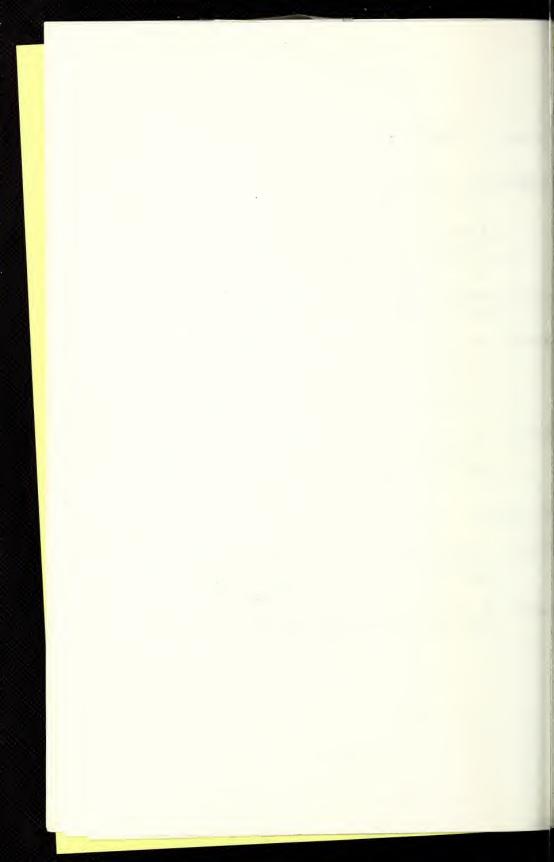
ople: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

ader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

w Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

ison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



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Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Heidi Danieley

Children's Church today: Wilma Williamson and

Daniel Doyle

Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon and Ryan Harris

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

		11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Magnolia Memorial Service Junior Fellowship Women's Fellowship Ex. Bd. Prayer Group Brownie Scouts Troop 51 Court of Honor Girl Scouts
Tues.,	June 6	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	June 7	7:00 p.m.	Volunteer Training for
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Ed Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs.-Sat., June 8-10 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 4, 1989 Luke 7:7

"That man has no business asking a favor of our master." So might have been the comments of the disciples, and us if we were near, when a Roman soldier asked for healing of a beloved servant. But Jesus saw love, he recognized a sincere belief in his power to heal, and the request was granted. A lesson for each of us: to be humble, to ask in behalf of another instead of ourselves, and truly to believe that the request will be granted. A lesson from an enemy? No! From a man of great faith!

Rev. James A. Killian St. John's United Church of Christ Pricetown, PA

#### CALENDARS OF PRAYER

"Mission is to the church as oxygen is to the fire."

Yes, as Christians, we are a people on mission. And while every one of us strives to support the mission of our local congregation personally with our time, talent, and treasure, the national and international mission is carried on in our name, with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

Few of us appreciate the breadth, the diversity, and the creativity of Our Church's Wider Mission. That story, too good *not* to be told, is contained in two annual resources available free to every congregation.

The United Church Board for World Ministry's Calendar of Prayer has been in use for years. Hundreds of present and past corporate board members, as well as local church members and overseas missionaries themselves, use the Calendar for devotions, praying daily for the missionaries and partners whose profiles appear in it.

"Partners in Mission," the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries' prayer calendar, first appeared in 1987. Since then, throughout its pages, readers have met individuals, learned of new projects and ministries, and appreciated once again the many callings within our church, including that of healing.

Our Church's Wider Mission: it's even greater than we imagined!

# MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 4, 1989

4:00 P.M.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH Elon College, North Carolina

"Then the new earth and sky, the same yet not the same, will rise in us as we have risen in Christ. And once again, after who knows what aeons of silence and the dark, the birds will sing and the waters flow, and lights and shadows move across the hills and the faces of our friends laugh upon us with amazed recognition. Guesses, of course, only guesses. If they are not true, something better will be. For we know that we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is."

C. S. Lewis in Letters to Malcolm

#### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 

HYMN #1

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**MEMOIRS** 

**PRAYERS** 

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 25:7-11, Hebrews 11:8-16

MEDITATION

"A Piece of Land"

John Irvine

HYMN #197 "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years"

BENEDICTION

Worship Leader: John M. Irvine, Jr.

Organist: Stephen Ten Eyck

# BUSINESS SESSION

Minutes of 1988 Meeting Comments on Old Business New Business Election of Officers for 1989-90

# OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1989-90

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

E. S. Lankford Fred Loy, Jr. Mrs. Reggie McLelland Thomas L. Smith

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#### IN MEMORY OF

*Jason Eric Jones	September 27, 1987
William Harold Goble	April 5, 1989
Jennie Reddish	July 15, 1988
Edward Ellis Isaacs	September 12, 1988
Rachael Cannady Murphy	January 17, 1989
J. Lyall Brown	February 15, 1989
Minnie Edge Hook	March 7 1080

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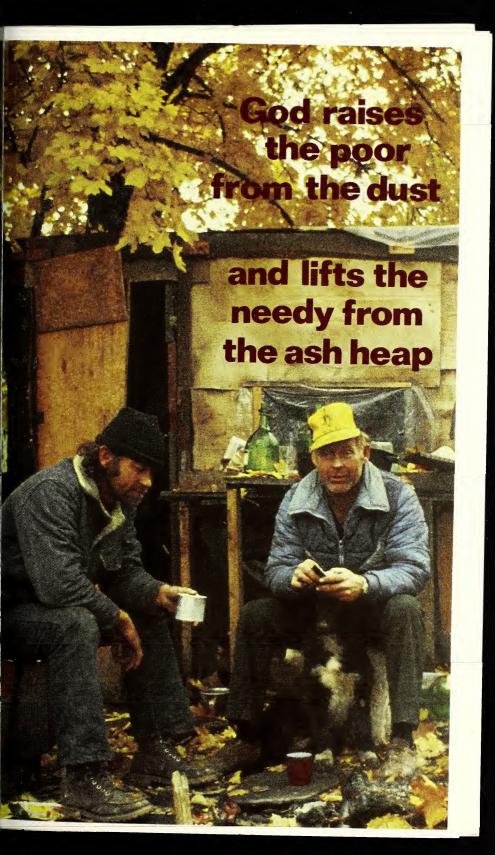
<sup>&</sup>quot;We become more human not by producing or consuming but by developing our facilities of knowing and loving. It is therefore normal to suppose that knowledge and love will constitute the essential activities of eternal life. There is no danger that these activities will ever become boring. Those who have experienced authentic love and intellectual achievement know well that they can never reach a saturation point...Those who love truly know that there is no imaginable limit to the growth of their love. And in eternity there will be no obstacles to our appetite for knowledge and love."

# MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

# TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 1988 - May 31, 1989

Checking Account: Beginning Balance Dues Received Interest (Checking Acc't.)	\$2,210.74 690.00 105.56 \$3,006.30	<b>\$3,</b> 006.
Disbursements: Town of Elon College Programs for 1989 Secretarial Service Postage P.O. Box Rent	\$ 300.00 30.00 18.53 26.25 6.50 \$ 381.28	381. \$2,625.
Savings Account: Beginning Balance Interest Received	\$13,286.01 774.23 \$14,060.24	14,060. \$16,060.



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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Robin Townsley, Summer Student Intern

and Liturgist today

Elizabeth Lohr-Myers and Elizabeth Mayse, Acolytes today

June 11, 1989

11:00 a.

Arthur Wil

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Elegy"
Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Awake, Psaltery and Harp" Douglas E. Wagn

Call to Worship

L. You servants of God, praise God's name!

P. Blessed be God's name, from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, we shall praise God's name!

L. May God's life-giving power be known to all, and God's compassion be told in every place.

P. God's power is indeed great! God's glory fills the whole universe.

L. Come, let us worship God.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn #12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

All-knowing God, we shrink from acknowledging you, for when we do, our sins are exposed. We block out your revelation and deny the words of your prophets. We choose our own traditions in preference to the way of Christ. We deal thoughtlessly and carelessly with those with whom we

agree, believing that this is safer than your way of ce. O God, deliver us from our arrogance and fear. give our waywardness, we pray. Amen.

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# WITNESS OF FAITH

ponsive Reading Psalm 113 Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised! The Lord is high above all nations, whose glory is above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth? God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's people. God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

nem "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God" Carl F. Mueller reate in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right pirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me ioy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free pirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and inners be converted unto thee.

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ime With Children

Beth Lyon

entation of Bibles to Fourth Graders

Al Carpenter

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "Sonate II for Organ: Ruhig bewegt"

Paul Hindemith

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #335 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading I Kings 16:29-33, 17, 1-24

Sermon "Some Unacceptable Answers"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "The Eyes of All Wait Upon You"

Douglas E. Wagner

\*Postlude "Toccata and Pastorale" Johann Pschelbel

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FRIENDSHIP BANQUET

The Women's Fellowship will meet tomorrow night, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House for a covered dish supper and general meeting. Dr. Dorcas Lohr will lead the program, "We Journey in Fellowship with God's People," a consideration of the Lord's Supper. Come join us!

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Heidi Danieley

Nursery next Sunday: Reggie McLelland

Children's Church today: Beth Lyon and Ryan Harris Children's Church next Sunday: Janet or Mike Mayse and Christie Rich

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	June 11	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Worship Service Junior Fellowship Picnic Board of Deacons
Mon.,	June 12	6:30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Friendship Banquet
Tues.,	June 13		Fun Club Cub Scouts
Wed.,	June 14	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	June 15	7.00 n m	Board of Trustees

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 11,1989 Psalm 113:7

This song was often sung before meals at great festivals, such as Passover. Certainly the singers, no matter how poor or prosperous, were reminded that God had lifted their ancestors from the ash heap of poverty and oppression to the fertile hills of prosperity. There is no happiness in physical poverty. Jesus blessed the poor not because they hungered but because God promised to satisfy their need. We need to be reminded that Jesus set his table for those whom society rejected. What sort of table has your church set?

Rev. Arnold Isidore Thomas Wesleyan University Middletown, CT

#### **ECONOMIC SANCTIONS**

"General Synod recommends that the United States actively support United Nations recommendations for economic sanctions as a remedial action pending changes in apartheid...."

What? Another new United Church of Christ resolution on South

Africa?

Not exactly. The words above were approved by the 5th UCC General Synod meeting in 1965, almost a quarter-century ago.

Our church has long been on record for economic sanctions—and against apartheid—in South Africa. For most of that time, however, there were no sanctions, and therefore no way to measure their effects.

Then, in 1985, banks in the United States and elsewhere called in their loans to South Africa, and a year later Congress passed the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act, which bans new investments and bank loans.

Now we can begin to measure the effect of economic sanctions upon apartheid. Unquestionably, they have been felt in South Africa. As the Governor of the South Africa Reserve Bank puts it, "No one should underestimate the harmful effects of these constraints." But have they done any good? Following the banks' refusal to renew South Africa's loans, the government relaxed one of its most odious racial restrictions—the hated pass laws.

We in the United Church of Christ have long believed it is a sin to do business with a racist regime. That is reason enough for supporting economic sanctions. But we can also now see that these measures are having an effect. Maintaining the pressure for even more comprehensive sanctions is an integral part of Our Church's Wider

Mission.



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and Liturgist today
Amy Rose and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes Today

June 18, 1989

11:00 a.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Psalm Prelude II: Psalm 139:11" Herbert Howe "Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the light is as clear as the day; the darkness and light to Thee are both alike."

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit

"Great Art Thou"

Alice Jord

Call to Worship

L. Our souls are filled with longing, O God. We are thirsty for your truth.

P. Sometimes we feel so alone, so forgotten.

Even in a crowd we feel abandoned.

L. The strength we have mustered, the good we have done

seems to count for so little.

P. We pursue high values and still evil forces prevai

L. Why are you downcast, 0 my soul? Why are you disturbed within me?

P. We will hope in God, for God is our strength. Rejoice, for Christ is within us!

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 391

"Be Thou My Vision"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

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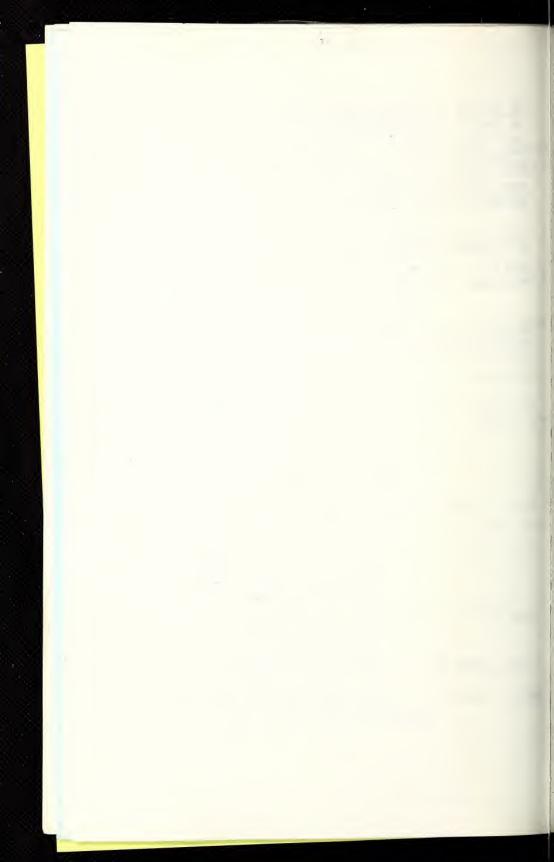
# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 18 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. Church Council

June 19 - 21 - CHURCH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CONFERENCE

Tues., June 20 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., June 21 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are no better than our ancestors who tried to justify themselves through their good works. We compare ourselves with flagrant sinners to congratulate ourselves on being better. We exaggerage our strength and make believe we can live without others. Forgive us for turning away. Create in us a healthy understanding of who we are, as your children. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Responsive Reading #78 from Psalms 42,43 p. 522 Anthem "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Norman Gilbert

(The text is the same as that of hymn #15)

Prayer

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory

"Choral"

Joseph Jongen

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #367 "Fight the Good Fight"

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

I Kings 19:1-8

"On the Down Side"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

"God of Grace and God of Glory" √ymn #366

Benediction

Sermon

Choral Response "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Gilbert Martin

Postlude "Psalm XX"

Benedetto Marcello

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 1989 Luke 7:47

If a problem is to be resolved, there must first be a recognition that the problem exists. That is a simple truth addressed in the Gospel lesson for today. Simon's problem is being caught up in the law; but he does not recognize it. The sinful woman, on the other hand, has recognized her sin and repented. Jesus' forgiveness comes in response to her grateful love. The grace of God's forgiveness is for all, but we must first recognize the need.

Rev. David S. Mohr Ziegel United Church of Christ Breinigsville, PA

#### COMMISSION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

"There is a greater need today for the United Church of Christ to meet the challenge of continued racial injustice in America than when the Commission for Racial Justice was created in the 1960's," according to its executive director, Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

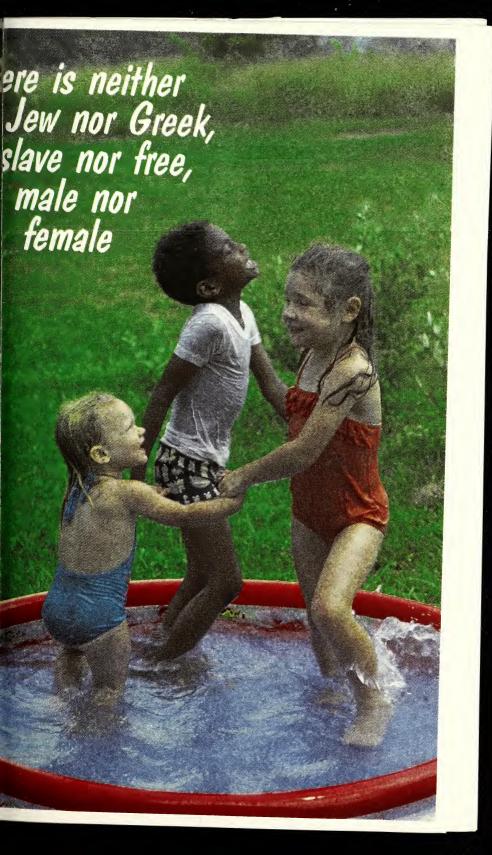
In CRJ's lexicon, racial justice and reconciliation are broadly defined, as a look at the variety of the Commission's programs reveals.

- Many in the United Church of Christ, as well as outside, celebrate the path-breaking study, <u>Toxic Waste and Race in the United States</u>, produced by CRJ after an extended investigation of the relationship between hazardous waste sites and minority communities.
- The goal of CRJ's newest project, "Protecting Farmworkers
  Against Pesticides," is to help local agricultural communities to assess their pesticide problem and to organize to deal with it, as well
  as to promote greater awareness of both the problem and viable
  solutions.
- Another CRJ project seeks to identify and ameliorate the severest problems found among elderly black and other ethnic minority people, both in rural and urban America. Elderly black people are more than twice as likely to live in poverty than their white counterparts.

• CRJ's Community Organization Program sponsors "Project Hotel," a program designed to provide leadership development opportunities to African American and Hispanic youth living in New York's welfare hotels.

Since 1967, CRJ's Special Higher Education Program has provided placement and financial assistance to over 5,000 minority students with proven potential for post-secondary education.

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Susan Hemphill, Liturgist Today
Jamie Brown and Vega Herold, Acolytes Today

June 25, 1989

11:00

Prelude "O God, Thou Faithful God" Johannes B
Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms
Introit "When in Our Music God is Glorified"
Charles Villiers Sta

Call to Worship

L. I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

P. Wondrous Worker of Wonders, I praise you

L. notalone for what has been, or for what is, but for what is yet to be,

P. for you are gracious beyond all telling of it.

L. Come let us worship God.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 30 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we deny the cross and take up ourselves. We are impressed with our own accomplishment At the same time we are unable to grasp the full potent you have created for us. We blame others for our failure and envy the successes of our neighbors. Faith becomes for us pious phrases instead of trust in the living God and Jesus Christ becomes an oath, not a savior. Forgiv us, God! Change us! Use us! In Christ. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

### COMMUNION LITURGY I

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

God be with you.

And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth, and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful to your covenant, even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to chis table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived mong us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death an the third day, and then to live in glory.

(A seasonal preface, according to the season of the church year, will be given by a minister here.)

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit in on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strangthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Lamb of Goa, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

(The bread is distributed)

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen!

(The cup is distributed)

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Amen!

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood, that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love, and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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TODAY'S BENEDICTION RESPONSE was composed by Tom Conally for the occasion of our last Sunday. The choir will begin singing again on August 27. Special instrumental and vocal music has been arranged for other summer Sundays.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Sue Brown

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., June 25 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Church Picnic

Mon., June 26 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Thurs., June 29 - 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee







\*Gloria Patri (#513)

Anthem "Shall We Gather At the River?

Arranged by John Carter

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Don Hustad

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading I Kings 19:9-18

Luke 9:18-24

A Time With Children

(Children third grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs.)

Sermon "Ca

"Called From Safety Into Danger"

Prayers of the People (After each petition the people may respond "Hear our prayer.")

Hymn 557 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

(Liturgy I)

Hymn 62 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Benediction

Choral Response

O Lord, my strength, my protector watch o'er me, be my director. Go with me now as I depart, instill thy will within my heart. Mold me, lead me, show me thy way, love me, use me, at work and at play; to thee I humbly lift my voice, for in thy love I must rejoice. Dear God, please hear my fervent prayer, I place myself in thy great care. Amen.

Postlude A Mighty Fortress "Concertato for Organ" Vaclav Nelhybel

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 25, 1989 Galatians 3:28

In the world, distinctions of race, economic position, and gender are not only recognized, but exploited to promote our own separate and selfish goals. Paul reminds us, however, that to be baptized is to "put on Christ" as one would put on a common garment that eliminates all external distinctions. It is to be included in a universal community of faith in which all share the rights of being children of God and the responsibility of living out Christ's life of sacrificial service toward all.

Rev. Fred Wehrenberg St. Paul United Church of Christ Waterloo, IL

#### BENCHMARKS

Past, present, and future intersect today in the United Church of Christ.

• One hundred and fifty years ago next Friday, Africans overpowered the Spanish captain and crew of the slave ship, *Amistad*, and set sail on a brave voyage to freedom. That adventure ended instead on Long Island, where the Africans were jailed and charged with piracy and murder. But a committee of Christian abolitionists took the *Amistad* case to the United States Supreme Court, which ruled that the Africans were free. Out of the Amistad Committee evolved the interracial American Missionary Association, whose crusade for freedom and justice continues today within the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

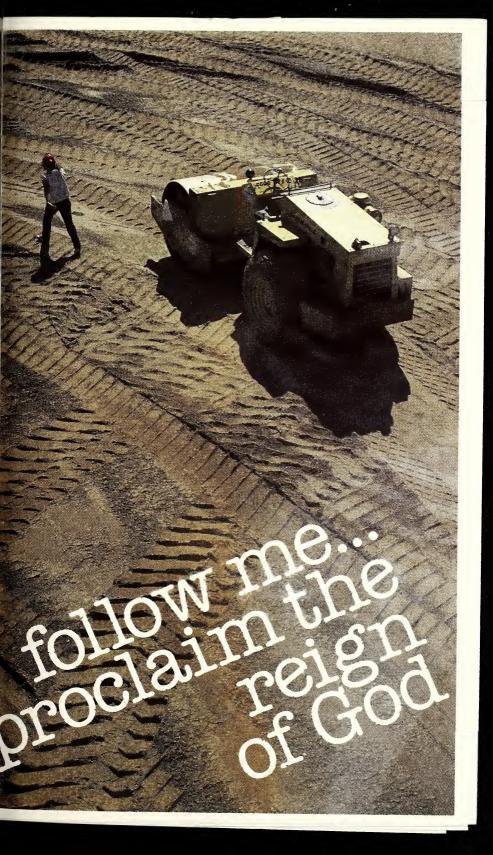
 Today marks the thirty-second anniversary of the founding of the United Church of Christ. Later this week, our 19th General Synod convenes in Fort Worth, Texas, to elect a new president and treasurer for the church, determine the future location of our national headquarters, as well as to adopt new priorities, pronouncements,

and other resolutions.

• One year from today, UCC Experience 1990, a five-day gathering for all members of the United Church of Christ, opens in Bloomington, Indiana. Combining plenary addresses, inspirational forums, classes on issues facing the church, and hands-on workshops, along with recreation and worship, this unique event has chosen as its motto, "Faith Works!"

This morning, as we celebrate our heritage of freedom, we pray for the General Synod delegates and look forward to an inspiring

future in the United Church of Christ.



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Brian Harper and Ryan Harris, Acolytes Today

July 2, 1989

11:00 a

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Pastorale in F Major"

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Congregational Introit (sung to the hymn tune Vien

Congregational Introit (sung to th Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy sceptre claim; All in heav'n above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain; Everlasting is Thy reign.

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The agendas of the world confuse us and cloud our purpose.

P. Today we want to hear of the one true God.

L. Our ears and mouths are full of deception.

P. Let nothing stand in the way of our hearing; let nothing stand in the way of our following.

All: Today let us celebrate freedom! Let us take up the cross of Christ!

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn #438 "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

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# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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Unison Prayer of Confession

By our own doing, God, we have not followed you as we should. Forgive our mistrust. We have failed to realize

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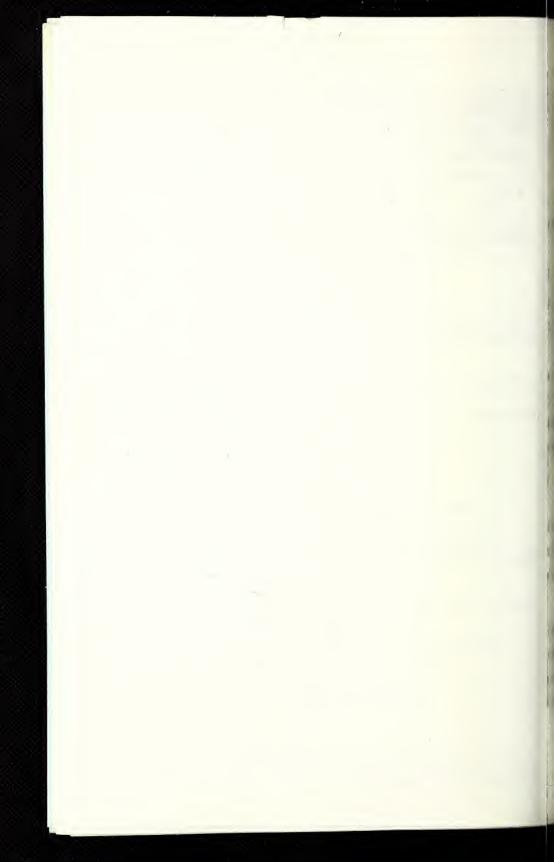
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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon., July 3 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Thurs., July 6 - 3:00 p.m. Intern Lay Supervision Committee



the talents you have placed within us, and have prevented ur best being brought out by others. For this, too, we sk forgiveness. Strengthen us to help ourselves. Help s also by equipping us with trust and courage to reach ut to others. We pray that we may be made instruments f yours. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

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# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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mon "Christians and Freedom"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

"Make Me A Captive, Lord"

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gregational Response: Hymn 60, stanza 2

tlude "Fanfare" Kenneth Leighton

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 1989 Luke 9: 59-60

Following Jesus is the most profound privilege and yet the most difficult demand of the Gospel. In order to approximate God's will we need God's guidance through public worship, study of God's word, and the counsel of other Christians: family and members of the congregation. The fourth of July reminds us of Pilgrims and Puritans and other ancestors who, in their freedom in Christ, sought to establish a new nation whose citizens followed God's purposes. As their successors, we owe to them and to God a similar commitment.

Rev. Harland E. Hogue Orinda Community Church Orinda, CA

#### INDEPENDENCE

Put down your muskets, Summertime Patriots; American Independence was won less by force of our arms than by hemispheric security, shrewd diplomacy, and unassailable logic. After Yorktown we maintained that independence for a century and a half without resort either to large standing armies or bristling arsenals. Indeed, for most of our history we paid for our national security from the proceeds of our tariff, with money left over.

Huge defense expenditures and a permanent military establishment, products of the Cold War, represent a departure from our national traditions. On this Fourth of July, it is fitting to remember that patriotism is not necessarily synonymous with bigger weapons

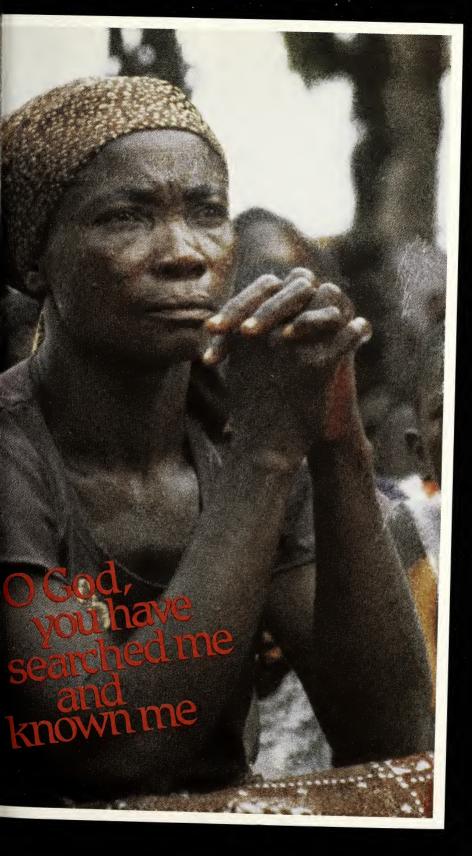
systems.

The United Church of Christ, through its Just Peace churches and conferences, as well as association, conference, and national resolutions, is on record in support of the authentic American tradition of

independence—from the tyranny of arms and armies.

In 1985, the 15th General Synod affirmed the United Church of Christ as a Just Peace Church and declared "our opposition to all weapons of mass destruction." In the Just Peace pronouncement, delegates called upon all nations to renounce the use of nuclear weapons, cease their production, testing, and deployment, and to dismantle their nuclear arsenals even while negotiating comprehensive treaties for all such weapons.

World nuclear disarmament is part of Our Church's Wider Mission.



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and Liturgist today Marie Acquilano and Emily Woody, Acolytes Today The service musice will be provided by The Suzuki Players, director, Scott Walker

July 9, 1989

11:00

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Congregational Introit

Tune: Del

How gentle God's commands, How kind God's precepts are! Come, cast your burdens on the Lord, And trust his constant care.

Responsive Call to Worship

God has searched us and knows us completely.

God hears our thoughts, even from afar. Ρ.

L. No darkness can hide us or conceal our spirits,

for God penetrates the night

and shines boldly through our darkness.

L. Wherever we go we are in the presence of God. All: Let God be upon us to celebrate this day!

# PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn #197

"At the Name of Jesus"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, our Mother and Father: how often we have tried escape your watchful eye. We have resisted change and

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Nursery next Sunday: Jackie Pendergrass

Children's Church today: Carolyn Messick and Brian Harper

Children's Church next Sunday: Patricia or Robin

Woody and Rob Woody

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 16 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., July 17 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., July 18 - 3:00 p.m. Intern Lay Supervisory
Committee

Thurs., July 20 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees



wth. We have seen your suffering people and have sed them by. We resent the intrusion of your word into comfortable lives. Save us from our own hands. Heal brokenness and bring light to our darkness, we humbly y. Amen.

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### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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"The God Who Knows"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

nn #245

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

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ngregational Response

Tune: Truro

With grateful hearts the past we own; The future, all to us unknown, We to Thy guardian care commit,

And, peaceful, leave before Thy feet. Amen.

stlude

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16,1989 Psalm 139:1

These verses express the astonishment of one who discovers a relationship with God that binds one to the reality of God. The "all-seeing eye" of God is depicted abstractly in the eye of God in Mexican art and concretely in the eye peering at us from the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States on the back of a dollar bill. Being known by God with such depth and intimacy opens one to knowing God. In being known and searched by God one experiences communion, friendship, and intimacy between God and self.

Rev. Anne Diller Kear Trinity United Church of Christ McCutchenville, OH

#### CHANGE

Dear Martha.

The dishes are done and I am free to write my weekly letter a little early today. Carl excused himself to watch the baseball game on TV, but from here it looks more like he's sleeping. Too much Sunday dinner!

It has been unusually hot for almost a week now, but that didn't hurt attendance at church this morning. It was the last Sunday for our interim minister, and everyone wanted to hear her farewell sermon. It was a good one, and I was proud of her—and of our church's support for her. I know that our denomination has ordained women for years, but this was the first female to serve in our congregation.

Ever since you and I were baptized as babies, a million years ago, we have belonged to the church. Now you are one of the trustees of

a new church in Florida and I continue here at St. Paul's.

We've seen a lot of changes, including some we didn't particularly like. My grandson says old people can't accept change. (Fourteen-year-olds are authorities on everything!) But I really think most of the changes in our church have been necessary—and good, don't you?

Our interim minister helped us organize a volunteer ministry for patients with AIDS, and dear old Dorothy is coordinator. Surprised? Dorothy used to say AIDS was God's judgment on sinners. But that was before she went to the Conference workshop on AIDS. People change, too. I guess that's what the Gospel is all about.

Carl joins me in sending you and Phil all our love.

Your sister, Adele Your knit me together in my mother's womb

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Robin Townsley, Summer Student Intern
Daniel Doyle and Scott Williamson, Acolytes Today

July 23, 1989

11:00 a.

Tune: Nettlet

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Magnificat Primi Toni: The Song of Mary"
Dietrich Buxtehu

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Congregational Introit
Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The Holy One prepares a place for us and welcomes us to this time of worship.

P. We come with our anxiety and distractions, wanting to be free of their oppression.

L. God counts each person precious and irreplaceable, a unique creation, beloved and valued.

P. We would be rid of hostility and enstrangement, that we might be reconciled to God.

L. God meets us where we are and inspires us by what we may become.

P. We come, daring to seek what we need, believing the promises of God.

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn #345 "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

1 to Confession

son Prayer of Confession Sometimes, O God, we can see no reason to join in prayers confession, for we believe we are the faithful ones. At ner times we despair at our attitudes, our stinging words, insensitivity to the feelings of others. We live as if world revolved around us, and soon become alienated from another and from you. Our hostility leads to evil deeds evil neglect. Forgive our anxiety and distractions, so can focus once more on your intentions for us! In Jesus ist. Amen.

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# WITNESS OF FAITH

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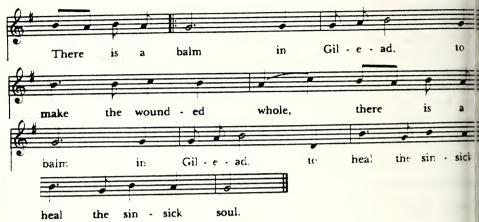
"Making A Place For The Holy"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

#114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response "There Is a Balm" Arranged by David Hur



\*Postlude Hymn of the Actions of Grace: "Te Deum"

Jean Langl

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in grateful appreciation of the life and ministry of William Tate Scott Sr. by his daughter, Lois Scott Luke.

Nursery today: Jackie Pendergrass Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Children's Church today: Patricia or Robin Woody and Rob Woody

Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith and
Daniel Doyle

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 23 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Thurs., July 27 - 7:00 p.m. District Men's Fellowship St. John's UCC

#### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23,1989 Psalm 139:13

You knit bone, muscle and flesh together in my mother's womb—and I was born.
You knit water and Spirit together in my soul's womb—and I am born again.
You knit people of faith together in your womb—and the Body of Christ is born.

Thanks be to you, O God, for the birthing.

Rev. Christy Parks-Ramage First United Church of Christ Middleburg, PA

#### "SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN OUR FRIENDS FOR YEARS"

(From a letter received by the Refugee Resettlement Office of the United Church Board for World Ministries.)

"When you called our church to say there was a refugee family from South Africa who needed sponsorship immediately, my prudent side said: 'Give us some time to think about it.' All we knew about the family was that their lives were judged to be in 'imminent danger' due to their involvement in the anti-apartheid movement.

"But that's all we really needed to know. Besides, we already had the resources in place; our budget included a line-item for refugee resettlement.

"The family arrived after a 52-hour trip. They weren't even sure what day it was, and they surely didn't know what to expect. Maybe a dour-looking official who would escort them to a dreary waiting room. Instead, when they saw the large and joyful group from our church, with banners and balloons and toys for the kids, they couldn't hold back their tears.

"A generous donation by one of our members allowed us to put the family up in a lakeshore motel for the first week. But they were so anxious to get settled permanently that they were up the next morning looking at the classified ads for an apartment and a job.

"After a week, they had permanent housing, and in less than a month a job. Now they've made arrangements to buy a car, their little girl is enrolled in kindergarten, and it seems like they've been our friends forever. Indeed, we've long since made the transition from seeing them as our 'refugee family' to knowing them as our friends."

Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission help bring local churches together with refugee families in need.



# ORD TEACHUS TOPRAY

584-0 Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Robin Townsley, Summer Student Intern Marie Acquilano and Tara McKenna, Acolytes Today

July 30, 1989

11:00 a

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The Peacable Things" Prelude "Pastorale"

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Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Congregational Introit "Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God Karen Laffe



Responsive Call to Worship

Come to praise the responsive love of God, who meets us in our need, wherever we are.

We come, rejoicing in God's presence with us. Р. We trust God's steadfast love to direct us.

L. We are told: Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find;

knock, and doors will be opened to you.

We who ask will receive, and we who seek will find.

All: We knock on the door that God will be with us this day, and beyond.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

nvocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
mn #38 "Morning Has Broken"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

11 to Confession

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ison Prayer of Confession

Ruler of all worlds, we have tried to take charge of the rth as if it were ours to destroy. We have devoured its sources, and deceived ourselves into believing that our ys are just. We have fallen prey to human traditions at deny the fullness of the Christ life. Forgive us, iversal God, and turn us from our destructive ways.

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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

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# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

n #335 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" nildren third grade and younger leave for Children's urch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

"Games People Pray"

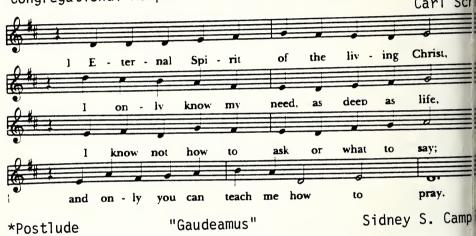
# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #336

"O Thou By Whom We Come To God"

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response "Eternal Spirit of the Living Chri



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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Wendelin Ann Jones and Richard Wray McBride whose marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

There will be an organizational meeting of all Vacation Church School teachers and helpers today at 4:00 p.m. in the Library. We hope all will be able to attend.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Carolyn Messick

Children's Church today: Sheree Smith and Daniel Doyle Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Ryan Harris

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., July 30

9:30 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting Vacation Church School

Teachers and Helpers

7:30 p.m. Executive Board of the

Women's Fellowship

Mon., July 31 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 1989 Luke 11:1

In community worship, "Lord, teach us to pray" usually becomes "...through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray..." "Taught" loses the present tense of the request.

This model prayer is not just some form of antiquity. In Jerusalem there is a place where the prayer is shown in many different languages on walls of brightly colored tiles. It is, after all, a universal daily prayer that Jesus teaches us.

Rev. Curtis A. Sandrock St. John United Church of Christ Riegelsville, PA

#### CENTRAL AMERICA

"I worked on the hacienda over there, and I would have to feed the dogs bowls of meat or bowls of milk every morning, and I could never put those on the table for my own children," the peasant told a North American missionary. "When my children were ill, they died with a nod of sympathy from the landlord. But when those dogs were ill, I took them to the veterinarian in Suchitoto.

"You will never understand violence or non-violence until you understand the violence to the spirit that happens from watching

your children die of malnutrition."

The economics of all Central American countries are based on agriculture, yet malnutrition is a leading cause of death and disease. How can countries so rich in fertile land, rain, and sunshine

have so many hungry people?

Over the past two centuries proprietors have taken most of the land from peasants through purchase, trickery, and brute force. By the 1970's the richest ten percent of landowners in Central America controlled eighty percent of the farmland. These big landowners—corporations and wealthy individuals—replaced food crops such as corn, beans, and rice with cash crops such as coffee, cotton, bananas, and cattle. Export crops, aimed mainly at U.S. markets, make a few rich while leaving the majority hungry.

Working alongside our partner churches in Latin America, United Church Board for World Ministries personnel minister to victims of economic exploitation. But they need our help. U.S. government and corporate policies often abet this concentration of land in the hands of a few. Thus, by gaining awareness of our own complicity in the economic injustices of the Southern hemisphere, North

American Christians can seek to bring about change.



Do not lie to one another

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August 6, 1989 HOMECOMING SUNDAY

11:00

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Choral Prelude on "Abide with Me" T. Tertius No Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms Introit "Christ Is the World's True Light" W. K. Stall Responsive Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!

My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts; Ρ. my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home. and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O God of hosts, my ruler and God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise. Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") \*Hymn #29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, whose salvation is never far from the contrite heart: hear our confession of sin and have mercy upon us. For our many refusals of your call; for all our forgotten vows; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives;

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Miss Lila Clare Newman a beloved member of our church, college, and community.

There will be no meeting of the Board of Christian Education this afternoon. Our next regular meeting will be Sunday, September 10, 1989 at 5:30 p.m.

Circle #1 will meet tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs Adult Bible Class. Circle members are asked to bring canned food and used eyeglasses to the meeting.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

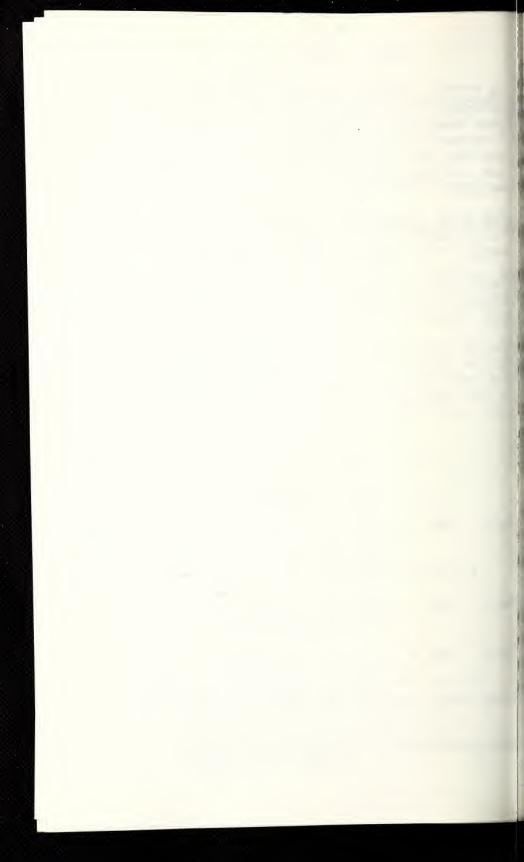
iun., Aug. 6 9:45 a.m. Church School for Children
10:00 a.m. Social Hour in Parish House
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 Noon Picnic Lunch on the grounds

on., Aug. 7 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2 7:30 p.m. Circle 3

ues., Aug. 8 7:00 p.m. Van Committee 7:30 p.m. Circle 4 - Library

hurs., Aug. 10 7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

ONDAY - FRIDAY - VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 9 A.M. - 12 NOON



our readiness to blame others; for our selfish uries amid the oppressions and sorrows of life; the pleadings of your spirit to which we have not

rkened, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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## WITNESS OF FAITH

"The Search for God" Rose Marie Cooper Ellen Barney Williams, mezzo-soprano

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Dr. Alfred Hurst me With Children Mrs. Gladys Hughes

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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logy (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

#370 "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" ildren third grade and younger leave for Children's rch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

er for Illumination

pture Reading Colossians 3:1-11 Mike White "We Are On A Sacred Journey" Dr. William Andes on

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

#269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

diction The Rev. William Scott

onse "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester" L. J. White ude "Fanfare-Toccata" Thomas Richner

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 6, 1989 Colossians 3:9

Today we remember the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, a day like December 7, 1941, that will live in infamy. In Colossians we are urged to discard the way of hatred and fear toward those who are different from ourselves. For our survival as a planet, we must see the world as an interdependent family, each person carrying within the light of the divine. To believe that Christ is in all, we can no longer lie to one another, claiming superiority of creed, race, class, nationality, sexuality. It is in our diversity that we come to know God.

Rev. Margarita Suarez Judson Memorial Church New York, NY

#### **TENDING GOD'S CREATION**

We know that our natural environment is threatened on every side. What may surprise us, however, is that some people accuse Christianity of supporting its irresponsible exploitation. These critics argue that the Old Testament account of creation encourages human domination over nature. A verse in Genesis is often cited as proof: "Fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion...over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (1:28).

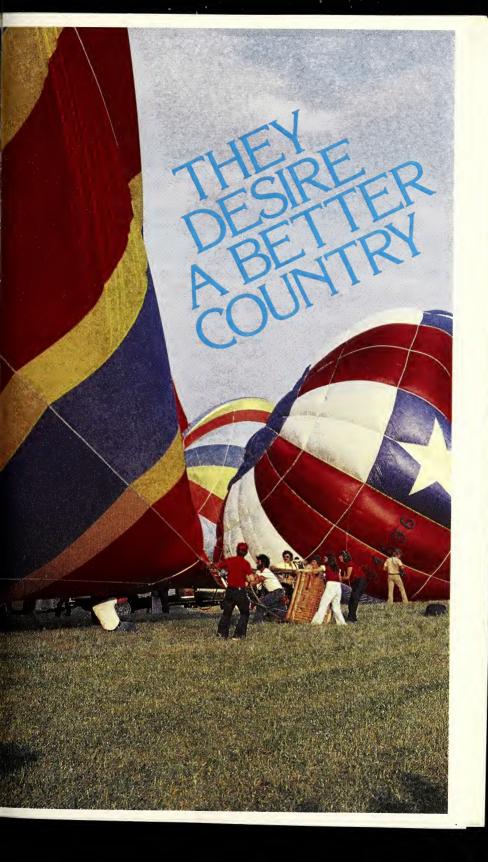
That is a limited reading of scripture. The creation story also makes clear that humanity itself is part of creation: we were formed "of dust from the ground." Furthermore, Genesis states that God placed human beings in the garden of Eden "to till it and keep it,"

which sounds more like stewardship than exploitation.

While the creation story in Genesis may be ambiguous, the Bible has many other passages that make clear that God did not pass along to humans full rights over the earth. The Psalmist (24:1), for example, writes that "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Leviticus 25:23 and 1 Chronicles 29:11 echo the theme of God's ownership.

To be Christian stewards of God's creation means to conserve and protect the environment, not to exploit it. Stewardship: there is no other term in scripture that more aptly describes our human responsibility of caring for and tending the created order in keeping

with the Creator's intentions.



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August 13, 1989

11:00

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Bourrée" G. F. Ha The Suzuki String students of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Walk Mark Harris, Guest Organist

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Rejoice, for God is among us.

P. Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people.

L. Sing praise, for we come to worship God.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn #363 "A Mighty Fortress"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from our neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One.

We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power

more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One.

Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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IELCOME The Suzuki String students of Mr. and Mrs. It Walker who are playing at our service this ling. The students playing today are Missy Grayson, e Lee, Jason Lewis and Jennie Walker.

Church is going to publish a new pictorial directory OLOR! It will contain your family portrait, the r families of the church, the church staff and a lete printed roster of the church membership. What nderful way for new members to get acquainted with church family, and what a treasured keepsake it will or all of us. Reserve an appointment time today at sign-up table in the narthex. Each family unit ographed and who views their proofs at the church receive a complimentary 8 x 10 custom color portrait. family photographed will also receive a copy of the ctory at no cost! See you at the sign-up table!

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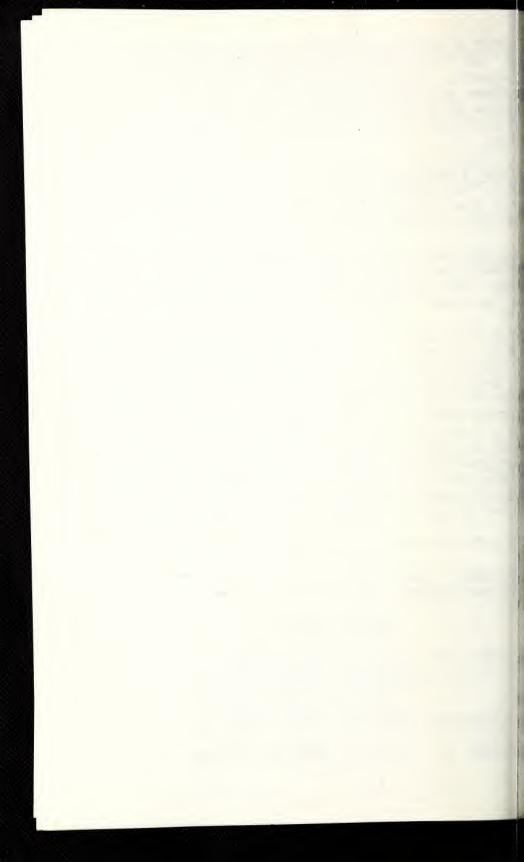
ery today: Amy Vickers ery next Sunday: Jamie Brown

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Aug. 13 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

Aug. 14 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

... Aug. 17 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees



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Almighty God, who is great in mercy and promises forgiveness of sin to all who truly repent and are sincere in faith, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all sin, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

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People: Receive our prayer.

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#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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Jean Rameau

ology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

n #80 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" hildren third grade and younger leave for Children's urch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ver for Illumination

ipture Reading Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3

"Standing on the Promises" The Rev. Beth Lyon ion

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

#372 "How Firm a Foundation"

(alternate tune Foundation)

diction

lude

onse "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Hymn 62, stanza 1 "Bourree" J. S. Bach

The congregation may stand at these points.

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 1989 Hebrews 11:16

What could be more cynical than the beer commercial that proclaims, "It doesn't get any better than this"? No matter how profound our awareness of God's blessings, there is at the very heart of faith the hopeful sense that we and our world have not fully arrived until God's whole will is done. Ours is an alternative view of the future as God's future, from which we derive our meaning, hope and direction as people of faith. For this vision we labor. In its promise we rejoice!

Rev. David R. Ruhe First Central Congregational Church Omaha, NE

#### "A MEANINGFUL PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE"

Once again this fall, tens of thousands of college freshmen will be questioned about their goals in a nationwide survey. If the results are anything like those of the past few years, being "very well off financially" will once more rank much higher than developing "a meaningful philosophy of life." Materialism will beat idealism again.

In their desire to be wealthy, college students are not unique. Nor are educational institutions to blame. Society as a whole has become more materialistic. "Money, money, money is the incantation of today," according to Fortune magazine.

The reasons for this development are complex. But one fact is clear. While the religious community has been divided into warring camps, one side attacking "fundamentalism" and the other "secular humanism," materialism has enjoyed an open field.

It is time for Christians to recognize that secular materialism is the new apostacy.

The answer is not a wholesale attack upon materialism, but a ringing reaffirmation that the Christian tradition offers a better and more complete interpretation of life and of the world than can be provided by any of the current materialisms—individualistic or collectivistic.

Let us begin now to reassert the central meaning of Christian discipleship to ensure that, in the future, young men and women from United Church of Christ congregations who enroll in college seek first to develop "a meaningful philosophy of life."



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August 20, 1989

11:00

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Cantabile" from the "Fantasy on the tune Prelude Joseph W. C St. Patrick's Breastplate

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Hymn 322, stanzas 3 Congregational Introit

Marie Wilkins, Litu Responsive Call to Worship

God watched over us as we slept last night.

God was present when we awakened this morning. Ρ.

God is in this place, among us now.

God is in the silence, the singing, the prayers, Ρ. the scripture, the sermon, the giving, and arour every corner of our thinking.

God is here, preparing us for what lies ahead.

We give ourselves to the worship of this great ( Ρ.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

No disguise, no pretense of ours holds up in your c and holy light, O God. In that light we know we are mul and petty people who think more highly of ourselves the

we ought to think. Have mercy upon us.

We admit that the world's sin is our own. We conden greed in others when it results in obvious inhumanity, the same greed lies in our deep self. The world is unbecause we have not loved justice with enough passion. The vices of our civilization are compounded by the lu: of all people, not excepting ourselves. Before we cas stone of condemnation, give us grace to look inside ou own hearts.

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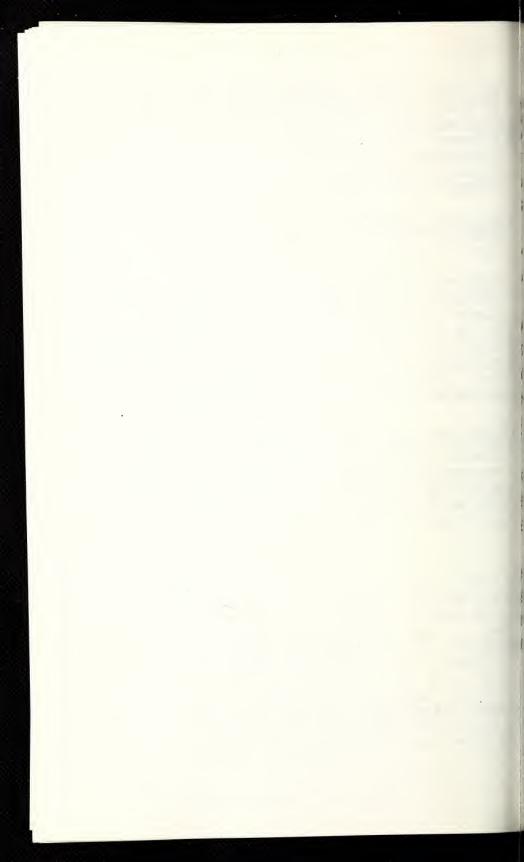
Members of the Men's Fellowship and of the Exchange Club and their spouses are having supper at "Ye Old Country Kitchen" and attending the show, "Shenandoah," at the Sword of Peace at Snow Camp on Wednesday, August 23. The church van and cars will leave the south parking lot of the church at 6 p.m. for Snow Camp. Those interested in going should contact the church office (584-0391) or Dee Atkinson (584-7850).

REMEMBER! The photography dates for our pictorial directory are Sept. 8, 9 and 14. If you haven't reserved your time to be photographed, be sure to do so today while there is still a good selection from which to choose. We're pushing for 100% participation. It won't be complete without you!

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 20 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

Thurs., Aug. 24 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



May the vision of what we might be, if we did not ep on defeating your will, convict us of what we are, that your mercy may redeem us, through Christ our Lord.

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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

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Time With Children

Beth Lyon

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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mn #353 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Children third grade and younger leave for Children's

Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

Hebrews 12:1-17

cripture Reading

"The Power to Endure"

John Irvine

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

mn #367 "Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might"

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ongregational Response Hymn 348, stanza 2

ostlude "Exultation"

O. Winston Cassler

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 1989 Hebrews 12:1

Trial witnesses testify to an event that was seen, providing the jury with proof. Christian witnesses testify to the reality that is unseen: the life-giving power of God at work in their lives. Their word and example give us courage when we are despairing, support when we feel alone, evidence of God when we are in doubt. Thanks be to God for the people of faith, past and present! We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses! The evidence is given. We are not alone.

Rev. Wendy L. Williams-Brinks Hope United Church of Christ Wind Gap, PA

#### ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

A century ago, five hundred Blackfeet Indians died of starvation on their reservation in northern Montana when government rations failed to arrive in time. Before all of the remains could be buried, however, fifteen skulls and two armbones were stolen from the site.

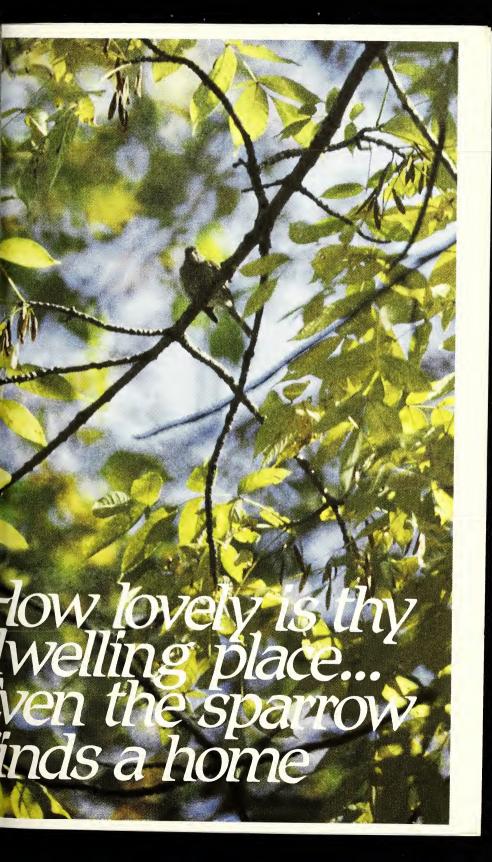
The grave robber was no outlaw, but a U.S. Army surgeon who privately acknowledged his theft, admitting that although he was often seen near the site, "of course no one knew what I had under my coat." The remains were shipped to the Army Medical Museum in Washington, and eventually transferred to a Smithsonian institution storeroom.

There they rested until 1982, when the Blackfeet tribal council contacted the museum to request their return. The Indians' appeal was first met with resistance. Only after being confronted with documentary evidence of the theft did the Smithsonian yield up the remains.

Although the decision in this case hinged on a theft, the issue is nothing less than the clash between science and religion. For the scientists, the bones are artifacts that provide valuable clues to the past. But to the Blackfeet, they are an integral part of their spiritual life and heritage.

Eight members of the tribe traveled to Washington to bring the remains back to their final resting place beneath the Sawtooth range of the Rocky Mountains.

"To us this was just as important as bringing back the Marine bodies from Lebanon"



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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor
Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster

Jamie Brown and Vega Herold, Acolytes Today

August 27, 1989

11:00 a.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Meditation on the Communion Hymn Thee We Adore" David N. Johns

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" Karen Laffer

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come from east and west, north and south; join in songs of praise to the living God.

P. How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!
My soul longs, yea faints for the courts of God.

L. God breaks the yokes of oppressors and brings people back from their exile.

P. A day in your courts, O God, is better than a thousand elsewhere.

L. God sent Jesus as mediator of a new covenant to bring us all to God's way of peace.

P. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my Go than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn #16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Bring us back into true communion with you, 0 God, for whave broken covenant and wandered far from your truth. We have exiled ourselves from your guidance and direction, trying to chart our own course in our own way. We have not trusted you or believed that your way of peace is the way

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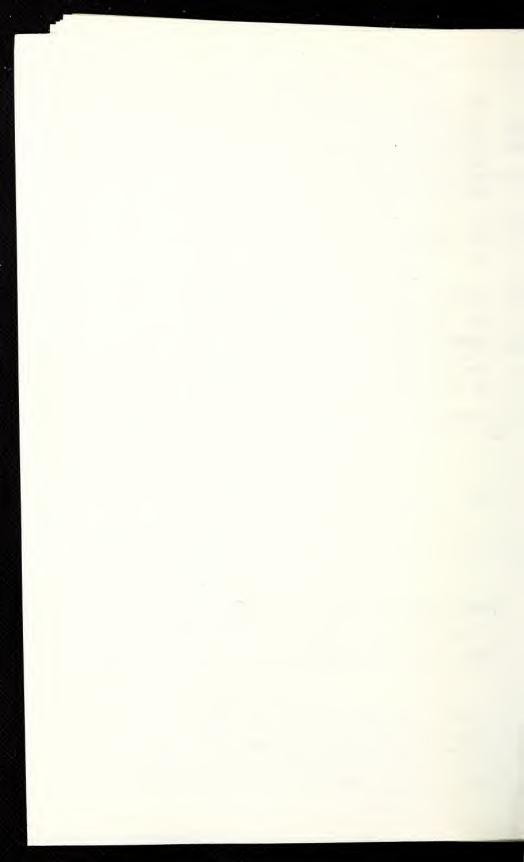
Today if the LAST DAY you will be able to register for our new pictorial directory. If you still have not reserved your time for photography, please do so immediately after the service. We want our pictorial directory to represent the widest possible range of families who are members of this church. It won't be complete without you.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Aug. 27	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Dedication of Habitat for Humanity House Youth Team Picnic CHURCH COUNCIL
Mon.,	Aug. 28	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group Budget Committee

Thurs., Aug. 31 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



# COMMUNION LITURGY F

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. For it is holy and right to do so!

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, 0 Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious praise and bless you, 0 God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

lost righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect acrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ or the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields int one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, 0 Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gather from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:

Sisters and brothers, since the Lord has fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, 0 my soul;

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, 0 my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity.

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear hi as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father pities his children,

so the Lord pities those who fear him.

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

to life. Turn us around today, God, lest we come to destruction. Save us from ourselves. We want to be in tune with the truth you have created. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assorance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

"Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants" Martin How nthem "Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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ffertory "Berceuse"

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oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

mn #423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" Children third grade and younger leave for Children's church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

ripture Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

rmon

"Festal Gathering"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

e Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Using Liturgy F

mn #290 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

nediction

oral Response "Eternal Spirit of the Loving Christ"

Carl Schalk

stlude

"Fanfare"

John Cook

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27,1989 Psalm 84:1-3

A sparrow singing in a tree
Sounds the call to Sunday's Sabbath.
A sparrow sheltered in a nest
Names the place where God is sought;
Lest within our hallowed walls
We forget to sing our praise,
And be sheltered in God's love.

Rev. Martha B. Kriebel Trinity Reformed Church Collegeville, PA

#### SCHOOL DAYS

School is in the air these days, and so is a growing conviction that religion belongs in the public schools. Not as religious indoctrination, to be sure, but as an academic subject. The beliefs and practices of world religions, the role of religion in history and current events, and religious themes in great music, art, and literature are legitimate topics for the curriculum.

Yet, for fear of promoting sectarianism, many educators have avoided even teaching about religion. As a result, subjects such as history and literature have been impoverished and distorted by the

absence of their religious dimensions.

But is it constitutional to teach about religion in public schools? A Supreme Court Justice answers unequivocally: "It might well be said that one's education is not complete without a study of comparative religion or the history of religion and its relationship to the advancement of civilization."

Even diehard secularists admit that the Bible is one of the great books of world literature. Thus, "biblical illiteracy" reflects upon everyone, not only Christians who neglect to read the scriptures.

Furthermore, far from promoting tolerance in our pluralistic society, shielding students from the subject of religion can make them more intolerant. "Studying about religion helps us to live with each other's deepest differences," according to one expert. Others agree: religion belongs in the public school curriculum.

We support the efforts of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and our ecumenical partners to promote teaching about

religion in the public schools.



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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor
and Liturgist Today

Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Willy Herold and Shawn McKenna, Acolytes Today

September 3, 1989

11:00 a

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Psalm Prelude: "Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrook" Herbert Howe

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "Awake, Psaltery and Harp" Douglas E. Wag

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Come in humble gratitude and longing to sit at the feet of the Divine Majesty.

P. We come, seeking the righteousness of God, hardly daring to stand in God's presence.

L. All are invited to the feast of God; come all you poor, maimed, lame, and blind.

P. How shall we sojourn in the tents of God, or dwell on God's holy hill?

L. Jesus Christ bids us come, today and forever, as people were summoned long ago.

P. We will not fear what people may do or say, for the Sovereign God, our helper, welcomes us.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn #228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves or the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive is, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

nthem "Pray That Jerusalem" C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity:

Let them that love thee and thy peace

have still prosperity.

Therefore I wish that peace may still

within thy walls remain.

And ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.

Now for my friends' and brethren's sake,

peace be in thee, I'll say.

And for the house of God our Lord, I'll seek thy good alway.

rayer

Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

nnouncement of the Offering

fertory "Sacred Madrigal"

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xology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

mn #384

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" Children first grade and younger leave for Children's hurch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ayer for Illumination

ripture Reading

Psalm 15

rmon "The Tests of Integrity"

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

mn #406 "Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" \*Benediction

\*Choral Response "As the Father Loves Me, So Have I Loved You" Ralph C. Schu

\*Postlude "Prelude on the Hymn Tune Hyfrydol" Gerre Hanco

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A SPECIAL WELCOME is extended to all Elon College students worshipping with us today. We hope you will worship with us often and become a part of our church family. Please note that you are invited to be our guests next Sunday for a covered dish luncheon immediately following the worship service. Bring a friend and join in the fellowship while enjoying a "home-cooked" meal.

Children's Church today: Sue Brown and Katie Brown Children's Church next Sunday: Brenda Butts and Jamie Brown

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 3 - NO CHURCH SCHOOL 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., Sept. 4 - Church Office Closed

Tues., Sept. 5 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thurs., Sept. 7 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri., Sept. 8 - 3:30-9:30 p.m. Church Directory
Pictures

Sat., Sept. 9 - 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Church Directory
Pictures

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 1989 Ezekiel 18:8

"Execute true justice." But what is "true justice?" It would seem "just" to treat each person the same. But pastors provide more care for sick and shut-in members than for healthy and mobile ones. A handicapped child requires more time and resources. In the Kingdom, the last, least, and lost receive justice that is discriminate, particular, and sensitive.

Rev. James W. Morris Colonial Park United Church of Christ Harrisburg, PA

#### IN EACH PLACE

The church in each place in the world is a church in its own integrity, with its own sense of mission, planning, and responsibility. We in the United Church of Christ join hands in solidarity with the church in each place. In response to their initiative and leadership, we seek ways to offer our resources as gifts for God's mission in each place.

As a result of this partnership and sharing, the shape of mission

varies in each place:

\* A young mother sits in the warm sunlight at Khariar Hospital in Orissa, India, and laughs with joy. Her two-day-old baby and she are receiving excellent care, and she is also being helped to learn how to care for her child's health and nutrition. Supporting that hospital is part of God's mission.

\* Uprooted and homeless, a farmer from Mozambique waits in a refugee center in Zimbabwe. Although separated from his homeland and livelihood, at least he has food, a place to sleep, and security for his family from the civil strife he fled. God's mission reaches out to provide love and support for refugees.

\* Having just completed her theological education, the young Argentinian pastor is eager to begin serving her assigned churches. But those congregations are even more impatient: they have never had trained pastoral leadership before. God's mission includes supporting seminaries and providing theological education for church leadership.

We support mission in each place with our gifts to Our

Church's Wider Mission.

Rev. Scott S. Libbey United Church Board for World Ministries

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster The Rev. Richard McBride, Liturgist Today Marie Acquilano and Nicole Hammond, Acolytes Today

September 10, 1989

11:00

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Toccatas for the Vault of Heaven" Richard Feld (Refer to Prelude notes)

Meditation on "My Song Is Love Unknown"
Ralph Vauguan Will

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Wil

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are summoned here by our holy God, who calls us each by name and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

P. From classroom and kitchen and workplace and highway, we are called into God's presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, softspoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship.

L. This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship

God together!

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn #251 "Holy! Holy! Holy!

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

As another year of education begins, we admit, 0 God, that we have studied too little about you. We have lea

th and languages, but have not counted the cost of rving Christ or learned to listen to your still small ice. We have memorized facts from history books, but ve not dwelled enough on the history of your faithfulss. We have learned much about chemistry, but have en too little interested in the chemistry of relationips with you. Forgive us, 0 God, for trusting in our knowledge, and help us to rely more upon the owledge of you we have received in our Lord Jesus rist. Amen.

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### WITNESS OF FAITH

Blessed is the man whom thou dost chasten, O Lord, and whom thou dost teach out of thy law to give him respite from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked.

For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

Who rises up for me against the wicked?
Who stands up for me against evildoers?
If the Lord had not been my help,
my soul would soon have dwelt in the land of
silence.

When I thought, "My foot slips,"
thy steadfast love, 0 Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart are many,
thy consolations cheer my soul.
Can wicked rulers be allied with thee,
who frame mischief by statute?

They band together against the life of the righteous,

and condemn the innocent to death. But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge. Anthem "O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

"O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will always be praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home."

Prayer

A Time With Children

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering
Offertory "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship"

William Moor

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #341 "Dear Lord and Father of Manking"
(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Philemon 1-20; Luke 14:25-33

Sermon "Goofing Up -- Or Goofing Off?"

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #293

"Come, Labor On"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Non Nobis, Domine" William Byr Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name be glory given.

\*Postlude Suite: "Laudate Dominum" Peter Hurfo

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Sept.	10	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
				· 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
				12:00 noon	Lunch - Parish House
				2:00 p.m.	Youth - Cedar Rock Park
				5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Ed
		•		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Mon.,	Sept.	11	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
				7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
				8:00 p.m.	General Meeting Budget Committee
Tues.,	Sept.	12	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Sept.	13	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Thurs.,	Sept.	14	-	3:30 p.m	
					Church Directory Pictures
				7:30 p.m	Adult Choir Rehearsal

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THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will hold its fall general meeting Monday night, September 11 in the Choral Center. We will begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments and brief circle meetings and gather for the business meeting and program at 7:30. Our speaker for the evening will be Hulen Brown, who will introduce the "Faith Works" theme for the year by sharing with us from her own rich experiences. All women are invited!

Some notes on "Toccatas for the Vault of Heaven"

The musical term toccata literally means "touch piece." In the 16th through the 18th centuries such keyboard works were composed to display the virtuosity of the performer. Felciano's 1982 version of this genre combines synthesizer sounds on tape with organ. Nine brief dancing toccatas are balanced with delicate and sustained sounds on the two channels of the tape. The organ part consists of nine tone clusters (10 notes each) juxtaposed with the toccatas on tape. The overall effect is a rather celestial effect to the praise of the heavenly vision.

Dr. Steve Ten Eyck Organist-Choirmaster

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 1989 Philemon 1:5

Paul heard about Philemon's love and faith. What do others hear about you and about your church? Do they hear about your love and faith? Do they hear about your hospitality and your generosity? Do they hear about your trust in the midst of adversity? Do they hear about your acts of kindness and justice? Will they conclude that they are your "beloved brothers and sisters" and that you will receive them? Christ calls us to live so that the blessings of God's grace are shared with all!

Rev. Nancy Livingston Goff St. John United Church of Christ Wood River, IL

### LIVING TOGETHER

Meetings of the World Council of Churches have the advantage of lasting a long time. The day-in and day-out lifestyle of a global ecumenical community over a significant length of time offers to every participant wonderful richness of experience that is a special grace in the Christian journey.

Richest of all is worship. Worship that is built from the traditions, liturgies, music, and languages of many faith communities has a whole earth quality that transcends the one-note parochialisms of

our life.

Most challenging is listening and responding to multiple voices, reflecting the accents of different thought forms, doctrinal histories, and cultural experiences. It is demanding, fatiguing, and essential work in the pluralized human community generally, and in the Church of Jesus Christ in particular.

Most rewarding are the friendships. Friendships take time — walking time, table time, idle time. As we live with ecumenical friends, experiences of "my home" and "your house" move toward experiences of "our house" (oikos).

What touches most deeply in ecumenical contexts is the sharing of pain. Even in the most ordinary circumstances it takes summering and wintering to trust each other with our stories of pain. In a global and ecumenical community trust comes harder — but with just healing in its wings!

What we may find most inspiring in ecumenical contexts is the witness of the Word of God that unity is a gift rather than an effort. It is an utter and wondrous simplification to begin and end the day in ecumenical meetings with the confession that the Church is one, and that the scandalous divisions with which we live, while violating the unity, in no way diminish or destroy it.

Rev. Avery D. Post President



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Emily Woody and Elizabeth Lohr-Myers, Acolytes Today

September 17, 1989

11:00

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Pastorale in E Major" Cesar Fi
Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "The Eyes of All Wait Upon You" Douglas E. W.

Responsive Call to Worship

L. These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth of one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace.

P. Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

L. Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

P. Thus says the God of all,
"Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed."

### PRAISE OF GOD

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

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We think we are pretty good persons, Lord, until we into your sanctuary. Then we realize how many things a wrong in our life. Many of our values have been confus

ith the world's values. We have cared more about a good utward appearance than about a pure heart. We have sought iches and security in transient things instead of treasures in heaven. We have desired the praise and admiration of thers more than a "Well done, good and faithful servant" rom you. Here in the community of faith we realize the mptiness of our lives without you. Forgive us, 0 Lord, and help us make it up to you. Let the thoughts of our earts and the actions of our days become acceptable in our sight, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### WITNESS OF FAITH

them "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
ext by Isaac Watts Music by Douglas E. Wagner

"My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home."

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ime With Children

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

ication of Acolytes

ouncement of the Offering

ertory "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Gordon Jacob

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #412 "O Master Workman of the Race" (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Hosea 4:1-3, 5:15-6:6; Psalm 72 (Responsive Reading 85, p. 526)

Sermon

"Honorable Government"

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #444 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy"

Alice Jorg

\*Postlude

"Te Deum"

Jean Langla

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

Everyone is invited to a fellowship time with light refrements after worship. Weather permitting, this will be of on the front lawn; otherwise, in the Youth Room behind the sanctuary in the back of the building.

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR HUMAN HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity is an international, ecumenical Christian ministry that is dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing from the earth. We call upon people of goodwill, especially people of faith, and all churches, to observe the third Sunday of September as an International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat.

We all know about the problem. Millions of people, all made in the image of God, live in wretched conditions. They simply do not have a decent place in which to live. This is not right. This is bad news.

The good news is that we can do something about it. With God, all things are possible, even the elimination of poverty housing. But, your help is needed. God works through people. Will you help? Will you pray? Will you act?

Those of us fortunate enough to have a decent house cannot sit back in our affluence and comfort doing so little while so many of our neighbors, both near and far, are suffering in miserable shacks.

Let us pray and act together to do more about this worldwide problem, and let us do it all to the glory of God.

Millard Fuller Executive Director Habitat for Humanity Building in Partnership With God's People in Need



# LITANY FOR SHELTER

LEADER: Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Rise, take up your bed, and go

home."

PEOPLE: Everyone is hammering nails.

LEADER: What if the man had not had a home to return to? What then?

PEOPLE: The man might have followed Christ, for Jesus, too, was homeless.

LEADER: Perhaps Jesus would have helped him build one. Our Lord was a

carpenter.

PEOPLE: All the people are hammering nails.

LEADER: That the Lord of the stars chose to be a carpenter is significant. He, with his hands and mind, fashioned wood into objects of beauty and

usefulness and shelter for people.

PEOPLE: With his hands, he drove nails into wood.

LEADER: This carpenter of Nazareth said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey

my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."\* So he built not only physical homes, be spiritual ones. If we love him, we'll do the same: Build homes for

the homeless whose warmth is Christ.

PEOPLE: You and I both are hammering nails.

LEADER: When the put him on the cross, they made sure he would stay up

by nailing him up there. The hands that once wielded the hammer

now felt the nail.

PEOPLE: Through his hands, they drove nails into wood.

LEADER: The choice is clear: Will we use our hammer to edify or to

crucify? Will our nails enter wood in homes or flesh on crosses?

PEOPLE: Everyone of us is hammering nails, but into what, and for

whom, is our choice.

\*John 14:21

Habitat for Humanity, Habitat and Church Streets, Americus, GA 31709 (912)924-69:

# UNITED WAY SUNDAY - 1989



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### THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR!

"Friend": From an Old English verb meaning "to love." A friend is one who abides in my love.

Abraham was called a "friend of God" (Isaiah 41:8); he walked in God's love.

Jesus was called a "friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matthew 11:19); He forgave, healed, accepted them. He let them abide in His love.

"I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS," He said to disciples in an Upper Room on the way to a cross. Greater love has no one than this, that you lay down your life for a friend.

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR!

UNITED WAY — WE ARE A COMPANY OF FRIENDS

UNITED — TO REACH OUT TOGETHER ORGANIZED - SO OTHERS MAY ABIDE IN OUR LOVE SPECIALIZED — THIRTY-EIGHT AGENCIES SO WE MAY BE A FRIEND WITH COMPASSION AND SKILL

LAST YEAR FRIENDS raised \$1,271,000 in Alamance County.

THIS YEAR THE \$1,332,000 GOAL IS NEEDED TO KEEP OTHERS ABIDING IN OUR LOVE.

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 29-37) was a "friend" to a stranger wounded by the roadside. He went to him, bathed his wounds, put him on his beast, paid his hotel bill. He let the stranger abide in his love.

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR!

BE A FRIEND — THE UNITED WAY!

UNITED WAY SUNDAY — 1989



Dr. Charles Williams, Minister First Presbyterian Church United Way Chaplain

United Way of Alamance County

# **United Way Service Agencies**

### FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Caswell County Parish
Emergency Needs Fund/Venture Grants
Family Abuse Services of Alamance County
Florence Crittenton Services
International Social Services
N.C. Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy
Rape Crisis Alliance
Red Cross
Salvation Army
Suicide & Crisis

### FOR CENTRAL SERVICES

North Carolina United Way
United Way of Alamance County (Collection,
Management, Agency Relations,
Disbursements)

### FOR CHILD CARE

Alamance County Assn. for Retarded Citizens Children's Home Society of NC Christmas Cheer Family Abuse Services of Alamance County N.C. Society of Autistic Adults & Children Parents Reach Out

### FOR PLANNING

Community Council of Alamance County

### FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Alamance County Council on Aging ACCESS (Meals-On-Wheels) Friendship Center Hospice of Alamance County Hospice of North Carolina National Council on Aging

# FOR YOUTH SERVICES PREVENT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Alamance County 4-H Program
Boy Scouts of America, Cherokee Council
Girl Scouts, Tarheel Council
Salvation Army Boys' & Girls' Club

### FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Alamance County Mental Health Association
American Social Health Association
Christian Counseling Center, Inc.
Epilepsy Association of North Carolina
Medical Research of N.C. United
Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation
United Health Services of N.C.
(Alcohol/Drug Abuse)
Wesley Hall of Alamance County

### FOR FAMILY SERVICES

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Alamance Coalition on Adolescent Pregna



UNITED WAY...
WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR

For more information on United Way Services, or if you wish to make a donation please call United Way at:

226-2488



or write
United Way of Alamance County
P.O. Box 1268
Burlington, NC 27215

# HYMNAL SONG MARKER

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TODAY, WE HONOR THE TOWN OFFICIALS AND THEIR TEAM.

JUST AS OUR CHURCH PROVIDES
FOR THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF
THE CONGREGATION, AND FOR
NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AS
A WHOLE, OUR TOWNSPEOPLE
ABLY HANDLE THE COMMUNITY'S
GOVERNMENTAL INTERESTS.

WE SALUTE THEM AND THANK

THEM FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON

OUR BEHALF. JOIN THEM.

THIS AFTERNOON, AS THEY

HOST AN OPEN HOUSE TO

DISPLAY THE NEW TOWN HALL.

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER AFTER
THIS CHURCH SERVICE FOR
REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIABILITY.

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SEPTEMBER 17, 1989

#246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

#412 "O Master Workman of the Race"

#4444 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"



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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. Clyde Fields by Mrs. Clyde Fields and their son Ted.

THE FUN CLUB, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 10:30 A.M. Tom Collins, in person, will entertain us with his repertoire of humor. Lunch will be at the Golden Corral.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 17 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Acolytes Training
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Mon., Sept. 18 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

Tues., Sept. 19 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Sept. 20 - 7:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Tues., Sept. 21 - Adult Choir Rehearsal

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY: Lou Harper and Daniel Doyle
CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY: Doug or Deanna Hammond
and Brian Harper

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 1989 Hosea 4:3

There are some pictures which remain with us. One such was the close-up, at the end of the message, of a single tear escaping from the eye of a Native American Indian. The message was clear: the land, air and water are being ruined by careless stewardship. Smokestacks, decaying barns, dead fish, toxic wastes — all tell the same story in the end. "Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts, the birds, the fish." We can bring a new joy in heaven and earth if we repent.

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

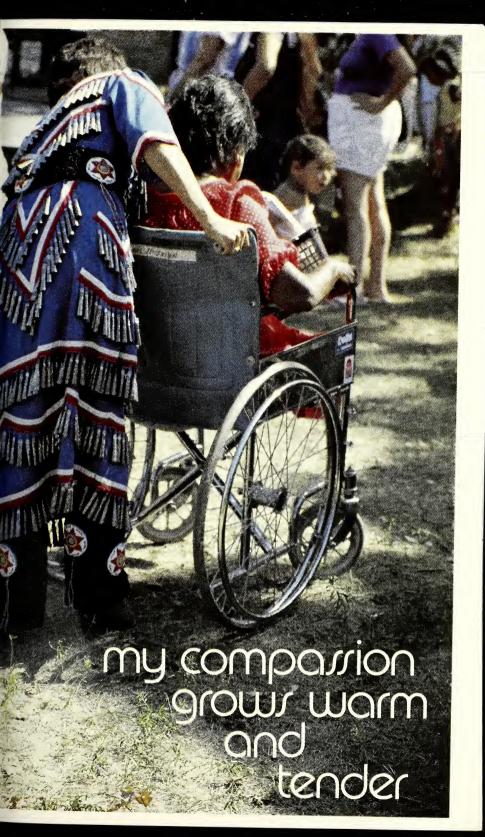
### AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY SUNDAY

The Europeans who invaded and conquered the North American continent over more than three centuries were nothing if not consistent. Generation after generation, they laid stress upon the differences between themselves and the indigenous people they confronted. What the two groups had in common — political structures, kinship systems, and religious beliefs — meant little to these settlers. They fastened tenaciously upon the differences and denounced Indian ways as "heathen" and "savage."

With notable exceptions, Christian missionaries to the Indians were as ethno-centric, if not so blood-thirsty, as other whites. Rather than seeking to exterminate the native American population, they undertook to "convert" it to Christianity. That meant destroying traditional American Indian religious ways. Small wonder that today, as one Indian leader puts it, "Some Indians have this idea embedded in their minds that you cannot be a Christian and be an Indian at the same time."

"The missionaries never acknowledged Indian spirituality," he continues. "They had to find it out for themselves." Indian Christians are now seeking to bridge the artificial gap between Christianity and Indian religion.

There has been a compatibility between Indian and Christian spirituality all along. But in the absence of an ethic of pluralism, it was impossible to acknowledge it. In uncovering their traditional spiritual roots, American Indian Christians enrich all the branches of our faith.



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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Robin Woody, Liturgist Today

Daniel Doyle and Don Danley, Acolytes Today

September 24, 1989 LAITY SUNDAY

11:00 a.m

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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2. Fugue

3. Duo

4. Récits

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester" L. J. Whi O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

Responsive Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength. a very present help in trouble.

God is with us in joy and sorrow, in life and in death, in laughter and in tears. Ρ.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; Though our lives be shaken by uncertainty

Ρ. and our world pressured into change;

Though its waters roar and foam, through the mountains tremble with its tumult;

Though our hopes and our dreams are challenged Ρ. and our confidence is eroded;

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Our God is faithful: Ρ. working in our lives and our world; providing strength and hope and vision.

Let us worship God.

### PRAISE OF GOD

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ymn #1 "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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nison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, creator of us all, too often we forget our promises of faithfulness. We live in the false ssumption that we alone are in control of our lives. e rely on our own knowledge, technology, and logic thout seeing beyond it. Forgive our foolishness. elp us to live in faith. Help us to allow your presence be felt in our lives, that we might work together with

ou as we make decisions, develop relationships, grow in rceptions and understandings. Help us to see the ways which you are active in our own lives, the lives of ose around us, and in our world. We pray in the name Jesus Christ, whose life reflects your presence and

ithfulness. Amen.

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### WITNESS OF FAITH

them Chorale Motet:"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" the text of the anthem is that of Hymn Hugh Distler No. 15)

e Statement of Faith

back of hymnal

Time With Children

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Beth Wilkins

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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fertory Variations on "If God Withdraweth, All the cost that build His House are lost" Hugo Distler \*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

I Samuel 1:9-20; Hebrews 11:1-3,

Matthew 14:22-33

Addresses on the theme "Faith Works"
Marsh McLelland, Elizabeth Parker, Tom Conally

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn "People of Christ in Faith and Works Rejoice"
words by Martie McMane Swan tune: "National Hymn"

People of Christ in faith and works rejoice With body, soul, heart, head, and hands and voice, For our God reigns! Respond with hope and care, Now is the time to be, to do, to dare!

Broken and blessed we come to be made new,
To pray, to dream what we can be and do,
To laugh, to learn, to dance, to weep, to play,
Life-giving God, renew your church today!

Give us a vision clearly born of Thee, Grant us to see what is and what could be, All reconciled, the earth restored, made whole, Thy reign our life, thy love our way, our goal.

"Not words alone nor deeds do I require,
But the Creation healed is my desire.
Come now, my children, gifted, graced, and free,
Faith works! Arise! Believe! Come, follow me!"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Dona Nobis Pacem (Lord Grant Us Peace)"
Traditional Round

\*Postlude "Fugue in C Major ('The Fanfare')"

Johann Sebastian Bach

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.



Not far upstream from historic Fort Mandan, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has constructed Garrison Dam on the Missiouri River. The resulting Lake Sakakawea has flooded many square miles of land, mostly on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Among the casualties were historic Memorial United Church of Christ and traditional Arickara burial grounds. To be sure, the church was moved to high ground, and the Indian remains were reburried. But the changes disrupted fixed patterns of life. Today Old Memorial stands empty, its members scattered, and the new cemetery violates Indian traditions

It has taken time — years — for the residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation to adjust their lives to their relocation and to the vast expanses of water that now separate them from their former neighbors

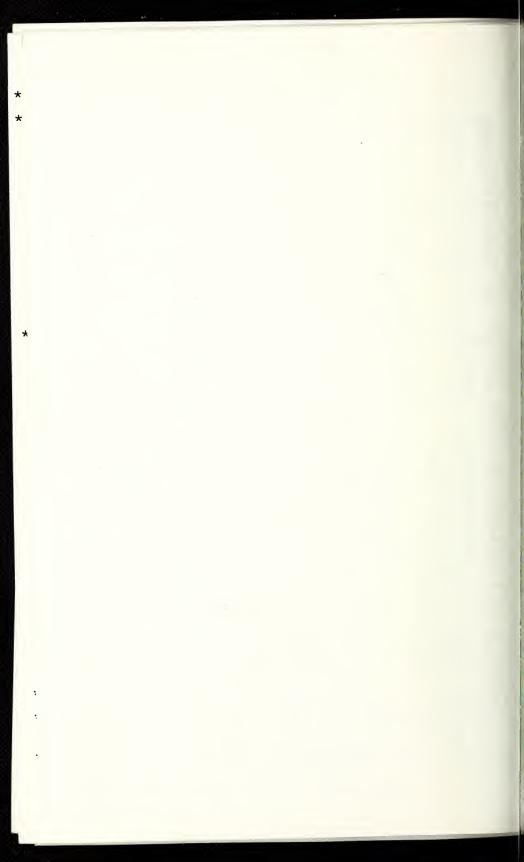
It has also taken time for churches on the Reservation to recover. Lack of fulltime trained leadership

only complicated the problem. As recently as three years ago, only one congregation among the eight churches belonging to the Fort Berthold Council of Congregational Churches had an ordained pastor.

Today, thanks to our gifts to Neighbors in Need, all Indian congregations at Fort Berthold have access to professional pastoral leadership.

Old Memorial Church will never come back. But with the help and guidance provided by the Council for American Indian Ministry and national church bodies, some of its members were able to purchase and restore another building. Today New Memorial Church is served by a fulltime pastor, and lay participation is growing.

Without our gifts to Neighbors in Need, hope for renewed church life on the Fort Berthold reservation might still lie buried beneath the deep waters of Lake Sakakawea.



## HYMNAL SONG MARKER

### NOW IT'S OUR TURN

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THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS DEPENDENT UPON YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN GOALS OF OUR CONGREGATION.

THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS THAT OUR MEMBERS FEEL TO BE NECESSARY MUST BE FUNDED AND EACH OF US MUST CAREFULLY, PRAYERFULLY, CONSIDER WHAT MORE WE CAN

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"People of Christ in Faith and Work Rejoice"

LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE "WE ARE FAMILY" FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR THE COMING YEAR, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING IN A SPECIFIC LAY MINISTRY JOB. WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE IN MINISTRY TO ONE ANOTHER. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR TALENTS AND INTERESTS OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND PREPARE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF THE MANY LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE WORK OF OUR CHURCH. WATCH THIS SPOT

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr. by the family, and to honor grandchildren, Amy, Emily, Rebecca, Michael and Matthew, all who have September birthdays.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

Children's Church today: Doug or Deanna Hammond

and Brian Harper

Children's Church next Sunday: Beth Lyon and

Ryan Harris

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 24 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Younger Youth
5:00 p.m. Organ Recital
David Lang

6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Mon., Sept. 25 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

Tues., Sept. 26 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Sept. 27 - 7:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship Bible Study

Thurs., Sept. 28 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 1989

Hosea 11:8

God touches us, above all and beyond all, as a loving parent. What parent never threatened to punish an errant child? Yet, what parent never experienced emotional turmoil at that very prospect? And, finally, what loving parent never felt a literal change of heart? That is when sympathy is rekindled, when compassion grows warm and tender. Outwardly, the situation has not changed: punishment is still the righteous response. But, inwardly, the parent has changed: love has once again asserted its power over everything else. God, our loving parent, embraces us with mercy even when we least deserve it.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries lifts up a vision of education in the United Church of Christ in which everyone is engaged in learning throughout life in a variety of settings. We seek to clarify this vision through discussion, reflection, and action involving the whole church. In doing that, we affirm these fundamental principles:

1. The mission of the church begins with God who creates,

sustains, and redeems the whole world and all life.

2. Persons of all ages and conditions are nurtured by continual inquiry into Christian faith and experience, as well as by the general search for wisdom, justice, and beauty in human society.

3. The foundations for the United Church of Christ's educational mission are found in a) the biblical record of God's covenant with Israel and of the apostolic witness of Jesus Christ; b) the nature, purpose, and faith of the church; c) the informing presence of the Holy Spirit; d) the history and traditions of the United Church of Christ; e) the Christian understanding of human beings and society; and f) the social and cultural milieu of the world in which we live.

4. In each new age the church must struggle for educational models and methods that respond to need and lead to change.

5. God teaches us through unexpected sources. Christians therefore must be continually open to all seekers and servers of truth.

6. Education in the United Church of Christ is informed and strengthened by the racial, ethnic, cultural, and geographic diversity of its members. That diversity reflects the world in which we live.

7. Education in the United Church of Christ must be rooted in biblical and historic Christian faith, in the call to be disciples of Christ in the world, and in the fresh and transforming revelation of God in our time.

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October 1, 1989 WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY 11:00

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "The Celestial Banquet" Olivier Mess
Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

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Introit "Kyrie" from <u>Missa Archangelus</u> Larry King (

Responsive Call to Worship

L. God, who dwells in unapproachable light, is present and available to us here and now.

P. God, who is more than we can ever imagine, reveals to us, here and now, glimpses of eternity

L. We are all children of God, who loves us all, poor and rich, old and young, powerless and powerfu

P. God richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy and calls us to live for the good of all.

L. Let us be glad and rejoice in our God.

Let us praise God, who deals wondrously with us.

P. Give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 202 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we brought nothing into the world and can tak nothing out of it. Yet, while we are here, the things the world become terribly important to us. We find it hard to believe your promises that we will eat in plent and be satisfied, for we know of many for whom this is not true. We think that when we are truly rich we can

ome generous, but we never have enough to risk truly eral sharing. O God, if this is keeping us from you, w us a better way. Give us a new perspective from ch to view what is really important in life. Have cy on us, we pray. Amen.

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### WITNESS OF FAITH

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"Tantum Ergo" Liz Grubbs, soprano

Gabriel Faure

cum ergo Sacramentum / Veneremur cenui:
et us pray before him bending / and the sacrament revere:
entiquum documentum / Novo cedat ritui;
ecient patterns have their ending, / now a new observance

stet fides supplementum / Sensuum defectui.

ith provides our affirmation / when our feeble senses

fail.

tori, Genitoque / Laus et jubilatio,
aise and glory in the highest / ever to our God shall be
s, honor, virtus quoque / Sit et benedictio:
ou art honor and salvation, might and awesome majesty;
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eternity. Amen.

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### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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rtory "Panis Angelicus" (Bread of the Angels)

Cesar Franck

Leonard Rowe, baritone

ogy (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

# 414 "In Christ There Is No East or West" ldren first grade and younger leave for Children's ch downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings I Timothy 6:6-19. Luke 16:19-31

Meditation "How Ironic!"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liture

\*Hymn # 322 "Jesus Calls Us"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "The Lord's Prayer" from Missa Archange Larry King (

\*Postlude "Prelude in C Minor"

J. S.

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### COMMUNION LITURGY B

iends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

is is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who ust him to share the feast which he has prepared. Cording to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with disciples, he took bread, and blessed and broke it, a gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and by recognized him.

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e lift them to the Lord.

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od's love is everlasting.

oly Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God; we thank ou for commanding light out of darkness, for dividing ne waters into sea and dry land, for creating the nole world and calling it good. We thank you for aking us in your image to live with each other in ove; for the breath of life, the gift of speech, and reedom to choose your way. You have told us your urpose in commandments to Moses, and called for justice the cry of the prophets. Through long generations, ou have been fair and kind to all your children.

t and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty ways are just and true.

faithful people from all times and places, we lift hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

ly, holy, holy, d of power and majesty, aven and earth are full of your glory, God, most high! Holy Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by men he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share his cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection before all people

Great God, give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of breso that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

(The elements are distributed.)

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Alleluia! for the Lord our God, the Almighty, has come into his kingdom! Let us rejoice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# HYMNAL SONG MARKER

"WE ARE FAMILY"

SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES

WE SING TOGETHER, AS A FAMILY,

EACH SUNDAY -- AND DURING THE

REST OF THE WEEK. SOME OF OUR

MEMBERS ARE CONTRIBUTING THEIR

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND MONEY

TO MAKE THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP

A SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN BENEFIT

TO OUR MEMBERS AND TO OUR

COMMUNITY.

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GET INVOLVED-YOU'LL FIND THE

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October 1, 1989

"Jesus Shall Reign #202 Where'er the Sun"

#414 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

#322 "Jesus Calls Us"



#### LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Your talents and time are very special to God and special to your church family. You will (Thesoon be given an opportunity to check five Jobs for which you would consider volunteering your assistance. Examples of a The grace of the few of the many tasks necessary to support our church. For which you might choose to share your time and talents, are:

SERVE IN NURSERY DURING SERVICE.

SERVE AS LITURGIST...

CHANGE MESSAGE ON OUTDOOR SIGN...

REPLACE NAMETAGS ON DISPLAY...

SING IN CHOIR...

FILL COMMUNION BREAD & WINE TRAY!

SERVE AS USHER OR ACOLYTE...

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Mrs. Lois Bost for her services rendered to our Church and Community by Mrs. Lucille Howard.

There will be <u>no</u> Discover Fellowship meeting this evening because of the CROP Walk and Parents' Weekend. Dinners will resume next Sunday, Oct. 8. See you then!

The Board of Christian Education will <u>not</u> meet this evening.

The Fun Club will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Twin Lakes Center.

Nursery today: Phyllis Young

Nursery next Sunday: Ann Acquilano

Children's Church today: Beth Lyon and Ryan Harris Children's Church next Sunday: Nancy Martin and Christy Rich

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 1 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:45 p.m. CROP Walk

Mon., Oct. 2 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2 7:00 p.m. Ceramics 7:30 p.m. Circle 3

Tues., Oct. 3 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 4

Wed., Oct. 4 - 7:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Thurs., Oct. 5 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 1989 Joel 2:28

Throughout Scripture the Holy Spirit is portrayed as God's presence within individuals, empowering them to do something not otherwise possible. Moses brought the slaves out of Egypt and mediated the Law; David defeated Goliath; prophets brought forth God's message. The power was never for personal gain, but for the good of the whole community, God's chosen people. On this World Communion Sunday, what does the Spirit's presence in your life enable you to do for God's people?

Rev. Stephen P. Gettinger St. Peter's United Church of Christ Yutan, NE

#### NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In the Gospels, when Jesus is asked to identify his neighbor, he points to the margins of society. And so it must be for you and me. Our neighbors in need, too, are found on the periphery of the communities and cities where we live.

The Neighbors in Need annual all-church offering is our major opportunity to demonstrate our compassion and generosity for

these brothers and sisters in Christ.

During the last few years, the number of people living on the margin of society seems to have increased. That surely is true of our homeless neighbors! Recognizing the crisis, our own United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has declared a crusade against homelessness. (I suppose it could not be otherwise for a mission body that bears in its name the very word "home"!)

The number of children in poverty living at the margins of society has increased, too. Their predicament is being lifted up before churches and governments by the Office for Church in Society.

Long ago, our American Indian neighbors were pushed to the periphery. Many of those who have since migrated from their remote reservations have found no more than a marginal existence in the cities and towns where they now reside. The Council for American Indian Ministry represents the needs of both urban and reservation Indians.

In 1989, a proportion of our gifts to Neighbors in Need will support the continuing ministries with the marginal groups I have already mentioned. Another part will be used to minister with the victims of sexual violence, AIDS, and nuclear waste in our society.

I urge you to give generously to this all-church offering.

Rev. George Wesley Otto Stewardship Council faith first at direct first grandmother your nother in y ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-03 Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeria Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Chris Harris and Matt Mayse, Acolytes Today

October 8, 1989

11:00 a

A WORSHIP SERVICE HONORING THE ELON COLLEGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The Heavens Declare" (Psalm 19) Benedetto Marce Prelude "Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit" Dietrich Buxteh

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "O Lord, Increase My Faith"

Orlando Gibb

Unison Call to Worship

Temper my spirit, 0 Lord, Keep it long in the fire;

Make it one with the flame, let it share

That upreaching desire.

Grasp it thyself, 0 my God;

Swing it straighter and higher!

Temper my spirit, 0 Lord, Temper my spirit, 0 Lord.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn #22 "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Compared with your will, O God, our ways are crooked a not straight, our desires are selfish and not generous, our devotion is shallow and not deep. We have used your name without seriousness, and we have live without gratitude for all your gifts. We luxuriate in self-pity We are too easily seduced by evil because we have not developed our moral sense finely enough to judge wisely.

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard Hunter by Marjorie Hunter and Dorothy Hunter Walker.

DISCOVER FELLOWSHIP will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room for dinner and a short program.

THE FUN CLUB will meet Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Twin Lakes Retirement Center followed by a dutch treat lunch at the Center. The program will be given by Rev. Warren A. Tyler, Assistant Administrator of Twin Lakes Center.

Nursery today: Ann Acquilano

Nursery next Sunday: Betty Blanchard

Children's Church today: Nancy Martin and Christy
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Children's Church next Sunday: Janet Mayse and
Brian Rose

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 8 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:45 p.m. CROP Walk
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Dessert in Parish House
Program by Charles
Wilkins

Mon., Oct. 9 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

Tues., Oct. 10 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Discover Fellowship Wed., Oct. 10 - 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsa 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 11 Women's Fellowship Fri., Oct. 12 -10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Apple Street Baptist Church Church Women United Sat., Oct. 12 - 9:30 a.m. District Meeting Macedonia Lutheran Church

# HYMNAL SONG MARKER

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#22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

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"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

#267
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"



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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

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#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

er for Illumination

pture Reading Hebrews 12:25-29

non "A Consuming Fire"

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

#267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

diction

ral Response "Write Your Name Upon My Heart"

Alice Jordan

lude "Trumpets in Dialogue" Louis Nicolas Clerambault

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#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**OCTOBER 8. 1989** 2 Timothy 1:5

Like many children of poor Czech immigrants, my grandmother was born in a sod hut on the South Dakota plains. As a child, she was orphaned. She had only four years of formal education. But her faith in God was profound and expansive. "Get as much education as possible," she often said. "No one can take that away from you." Today small family farms like my grandmother's are being taken away. But no one can take away our faith. For this ultimate gift of life let us give thanks to our grandmothers and mothers before us.

> Rev. Jeanette A. Good First Congregational Church Amherst, MA

#### **ACCESS SUNDAY**

We say we seek to follow Jesus.

Jesus leads us where people with disabilities are. Jesus makes people who are paralyzed walk, people who are blind see, people who are mute speak. He heals one person's crippled hand. He restores another who was deaf and could hardly speak. He brings sight to a man named Bartimaeus.

Is there any group for whom the Jesus of the Gospels manifests more love and compassion than people with disabilities?

We say we seek to follow Jesus, yet, where are the signs of our carina?

Is our church building barrier-free? Do we provide worship resources for people whose sight or hearing is impaired? Do we always remember to ask only those who are able to stand? Do we make certain that people with mobility problems have a way to church? And do we include them in all our church activities?

Jesus and his Apostles brought the miracle of healing to persons with disabilities in their time. Our mission is less dramatic, but very important: to embody Christ's infinite compassion for all his children, including those with disabilities, in our ministry.

Access Sunday marks the beginning of Disabilities Awareness Week. Let us rededicate ourselves to follow Jesus where people with disabilities are - and then invite them to join us as we seek to do God's will.



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Elizabeth Comer and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes Toda
Doug Hammond, Liturgist Today

October 15, 1989

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#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Agincourt Hymn" John Dun "The Peacable Things" Clay R. Christ

Welcome and Passing of the Friendship Forms

Introit "This Is the Day" Douglas E.

Responsive Call to Worship

L. From our busy world, with all its temptations, we gather to listen and renew our commitment.

P. This is not a place of rest, but of refreshment in this community of faith we are challenged.

L. God's steadfast love is before our eyes; let us walk in faithfulness before our Creator.

P. With Christ we are called to die, but also to with Christ we can endure, that we may also re

L. God is faithful and ready to show mercy; God restores and heals; let us give thanks.

P. Sing aloud a song of thanksgiving; let us tell of all God's wondrous deeds.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")
\*Hymn #29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

There is more wickedness in us than we would like t admit. We want what isn't ours. We are jealous of tho who have more than we. We want to keep others in thei places, lest they become more important. Sovereign Go have mercy on us. Let your Spirit move in and throug WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Andes and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Terrell by the Ken Harper Family.

THE ELON COLLEGE EXCHANGE CLUB will offer its popular Brunswick Stew for sale on Friday, Oct. 20 starting at 12 noon across from the fire station on Williamson Ave. and at the Exchange Club on Route 100. The sale will continue on Saturday, October 21 from 8:30 a.m. to sell-out. The price this year is \$3.50 per quart.

Nursery today: Betty Blanchard Nursery next Sunday: Jackie Pendergrass

Children's Church today: Janet Mayse and Brian Rose Children's Church next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Rob Woody

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 15 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:30 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL

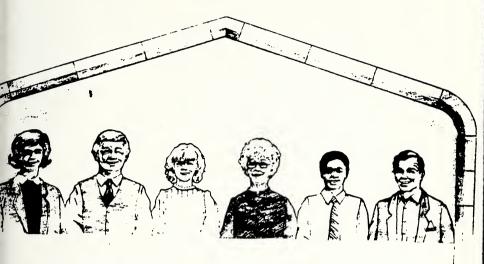
Mon., Oct. 16 - 7::00 p.m. Ceramics

Tues., Oct. 17 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
Wed., Oct. 18 - 7:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Thurs., Oct. 19 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri., Oct. 20 - 9:00 p.m. Older Youth Lock-In





Your Church Family Thanks You!

for LIVING by GIVING nd for BEING YOU!

#### YOUR CHURCH FAMILY THANKS YOU

The Apostle Paul, in I Corinthians 12, declares that we are the body of Christ and individually members of it. This declaration follows his description of the human body as consisting of many parts, each vital to the functioning of the body as a whole.

It is with this understanding that your church family thanks you today for being you — uniquely you. We are clear that no other person can make the contribution to the body of Christ here that only you can make. You have a very special gift to offer!

In I Peter 4:10, we read: "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..." So your church family thanks you for your uniqueness and looks forward to you sharing with us that special gift you have to offer.

Not only do we thank you for being you, but we thank you also for living by giving. That is, for embracing the way of living that Jesus modeled for us. Our prayer today is that your giving may be an ever-increasing blessing to your family at home, your church family, and the human family throughout God's world.

# HYMNAL BONG MARKER

"WE ARE FAMILY"

## WHAI IS A CHURCH?

THE CHURCH DOES NOT CONSIST OF BRICKS AND MORTAR--THAT'S ONLY ITS HOUSE.

THE CHURCH IS ITS FAMILY OF MEMBERS WHO GIVE IT LIFE--A GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE SEEKING A CHRISTIAN WAY TO SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION.

MAKING THIS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST A LIVING ENTITY REQUIRES THE STEWARDSHIP OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER.

SOME MEMBERS GIVE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS, SOME GIVE OF THEIR CARING FOR OTHERS, SOME PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT—AND SOME GIVE GENEROUSLY OF ALL THE ABOVE!

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us, that we might be forgiven and become responsible, caring disciples of Jesus. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" Georg G. Boltze, 1788 Setting by Paul Manz

"Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure, Ever in His footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above. Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow Thee."

Prayer

A Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory Variation on the Hymn Tune
"Now Thank We All Our God"

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Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #66 "For the Beauty of the Earth" stanzas 1,2,3,5 (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon

"Beyond Gratitude"

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn 98

"My God, I Thank Thee"

Benediction

Choral Response "D

"Day by Day"

Harold W. Friedell

Postlude March Triumphale: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfried Karg-Elert

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 1989 Luke 17:18

"Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Jesus asked when a former leper came back to worship. The other nine whom he had healed went their own ways. Maybe they, like many of us, felt they were actually "owed" a better life. Only one — a despised Samaritan — could recognize God's grace. He overflowed with gratitude. Life is a blessing we never deserved; love is a gift we cannot earn. But in response to our Savior, we, too, can give ourselves freely to God and to one another.

Rev. Charles E. Hambrick-Stowe Church of the Apostles Lancaster. PA

#### SOUTHERN AFRICA

In Southern Africa, we in the United Church of Christ stand among a suffering people. From Angola to Zimbabwe, our partners struggle every day for the common necessities of life: food, water, shelter, clothing, and transportation. Why?

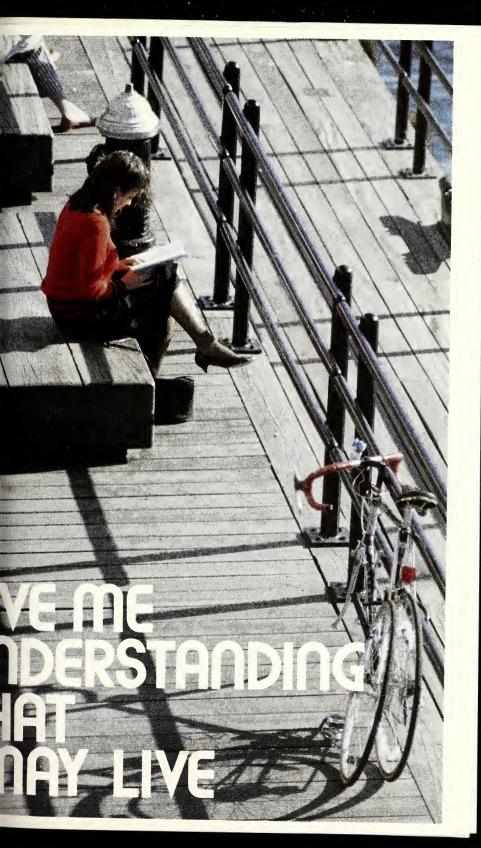
Not primarily through any fault of their own. The limitations on the economies of the nations bordering on South Africa were set by colonial policies which made South Africa the controlling hub of all development. Their rich natural resources are exploited by transnational corporations based in South Africa. Furthermore, the landlocked nations are subject to transportation cut-offs by South Africa. Thus, Americans need immediately to reject Myth Number One of apartheid: that black Africans cannot govern themselves. The truth lies, instead, in the obstacles to development which foreign interests have erected.

Myth Number Two is equally pernicious: that the nations of Southern Africa are pawns in the Cold War. This outdated attempt to divide the world between the United States and the Soviet Union, between capitalism and communism, blinds us to the legitimate struggles for self-determination of the peoples of Southern Africa. "To be sure, we take aid from wherever we can get it," says an African leader. "But we will not be the subject peoples of Pretoria or Moscow or Washington."

Over and over, our brothers and sisters in Southern Africa declare: "Apartheid must go!" "Racism must go!" When you hear them sing, "We Shall Overcome Some Day," you are hearing the

voice of a people determined to be free.

Rev. Otto E. Sommer Conference Minister Maine Conference



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October 22, 1989

11:00 (

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Fantasia in G Major" Johann Sebastian I Prelude Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announceme "O Gracious Light" (Phos hilaron) Introit McNeil Robinson (b. 1)

Responsive Call to Worship

Morning has broken.

It is the first day of the week, the Lord's Day. Ρ.

Let us give thanks for the gift of life,

and for the presence of the Holy One among us.

L. Let us worship God together.

Thanks and praise be to our God! Ρ.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "Holy! Holy! Holy!" \*Hymn #251

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are still creating. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, our unrepentant hours. O Holy One, forgive us.

We confess that we have squandered the gifts you hav given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped fo goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people, O Holy One, forgive us. Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, an make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

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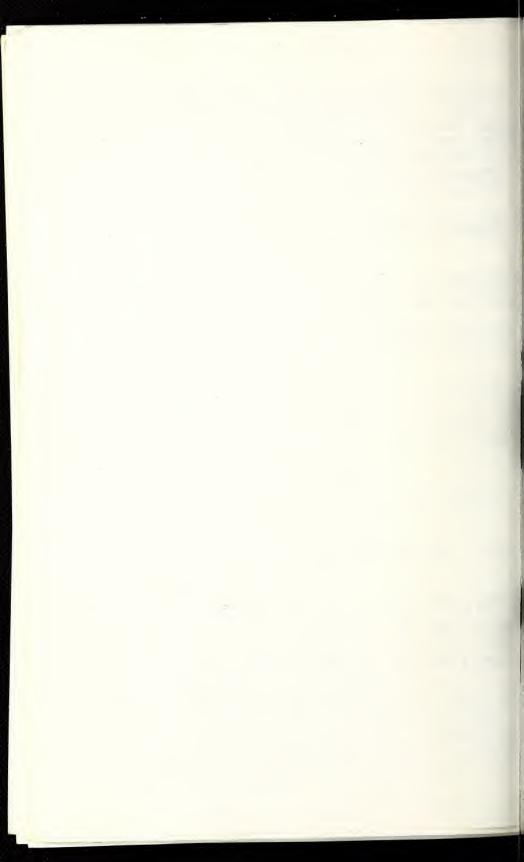
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Nursery today: Jackie Pendergrass Nursery next Sunday: Phyllis Young

Children's Church today: Carolyn Messick and Rob Woody Children's Church next Sunday: Kim or Steve Perry and Katie Brown

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct.	22	-	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Younger Youth
Mon.,	Oct.	23	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group Girl Scouts
Tues.,	Oct.	24	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Oct.	25	-	7:00 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
Thurs.,	Oct.	26	-		District Men's Fellowship Union Ridge UCC Adult Choir Rehearsal



# IN OUR CHURCH



### IN OUR CHURCH WE ARE FAMILY

This year, the theme of our church's Christian stewardship emphasis is "We Are Family."

Over the next several weeks, the focus of our morning worship will be on our church's past, present and future -- all within the context of "family."

Our Family Gathering worship today recalls the faithful stewardship in times past of our church family. Welcome, everyone, to Family Gathering Sunday!

Next week, our worship will focus on our church's <u>present</u>. We'll be celebrating the faithful stewardship during the current year that is enabling us to serve God right now.

The following Sunday, the focus of our worship will be on our church's <u>future</u>. We'l be preparing ourselves spiritually to make stewardship responses for the coming year.

On that Sunday, we will bring our envelope containing our stewardship response and our volunteer form to the altar.

# HYMNAL SONG MARKER

#### WE ARE FAMILY

#### WHAT SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE?

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IR MY DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS.

SPITE MY PROBLEMS, IVE BEEN ESSED. AND PART OF THIS ESSING IS BEING ABLE TO MAKE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP THE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF MIS, MY CHURCH FAMILY.

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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

them "Oh, How Precious" (Psalm 36:7) Raymond H. Haan "Oh, how precious is Thy loving kindness. Oh, my God. And the children of men take refuge, beneath the shadow of Thy wings."

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Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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mon "Our Church Family's Past"

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

n #306 "For All the Saints"

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ral Response "As The Father Loves Me, So Have I Loved You" Ralph C. Schultz

tlude Fantasy on the Hymn Tune "Sine Nomine"
(For All the Saints) Leo Sowerby

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 1989

Psalm 119:144

When I hear the word "upright," I usually think of my piano. Upright is a somewhat awkward word, but the term pervades our scriptures, and refers to God, God's commandment, and to believers. Today's lessons call out to us to ponder God's upright law, to obey its commandments, and to be patient while waiting for its justice. In our hectic society, we seek ways to live a happier, fuller life. But we often fail. True understanding and fulfillment can come only from learning and attempting to obey God's upright Word.

Rev. Suzanne Brooks-Cope, Zion United Church of Christ Lehighton, PA

#### FROM FAITH TO POLITICS

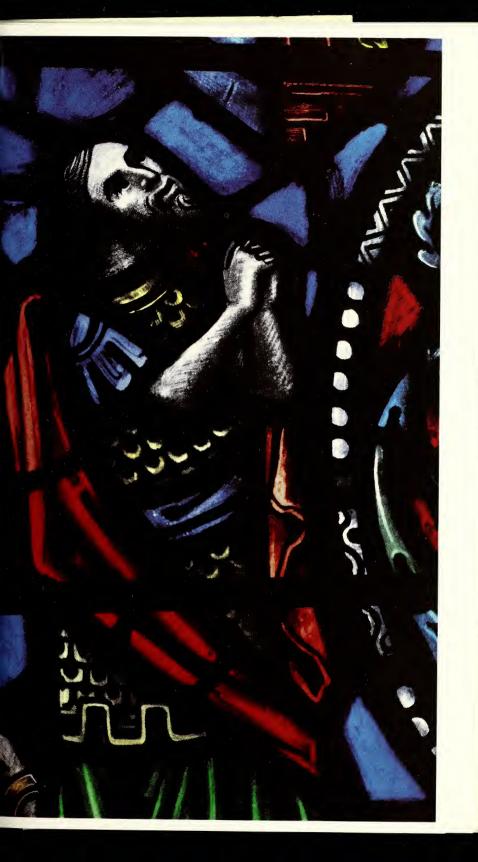
Christians in mission seldom begin with a political action agenda. But, in a world of poverty and exploitation, loving service with our brothers and sisters in Christ often leads to organizing the community to exert its power — in Boston as often as Sao Paulo.

Let's take an uncontroversial community-based health project in Indonesia. Our mission begins with winning trust by living and sharing with the people. We read the Old Testament and the Koran together, seeking social values and mandates. The next step is to provide a service that demonstrates clear hope. We use regular baby-weighing and milk supplements so that a visible change can be seen. From some good results, a group can then be gathered. The people choose from among their neighbors those who shall enter a training class to be volunteer area health promoters. Upon graduation, each health promoter is looked upon as a leader.

That's when the trouble begins. For the first time, this person feels a sense of responsibility for what was previously taken for granted: malnutrition-caused deaths, cholera every April when the rains stop, and children shunted aside because of mental and physical handicaps. For the first time, plans for action emerge from the hearts and minds of the poor. Questions demand answers: Why is the city garbage dumped in our neighborhood? Why does the piped water never come to our community? Why

do our children die and others do not?

And the answers demand action — letters to city officials about garbage; working together for area cleanup; projects for water and sanitation; vaccination programs and nutrition classes. What began as community service has been translated into political action. It is a story as old as the Bible; and we are helping it to be repeated from Central America to mid-America when we give to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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October 29, 1989

11:00

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Variations on "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundat David N. Jo

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcer "Non Nobis, Domine" William Introit

(Not Unto Us, O Lord)

Responsive Call to Worship

This is the day God has made,

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

These are the hearts and voices God has given us. Let us sing and praise and be joyful together!

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" \*Hvmn #195

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

When we consider the Cross, O Lord, we realize what poor stewards we have been. We have divided what you ga us into "ours" and "yours," and cared for others only when it suited us. We have turned your gifts into personal possessions, instead of seeing them as gifts for all. Forgive us, O Lord, and restore us to a Christlike approach to life. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

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Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Phyllis Young Nursery next Sunday: Nell Snyder

Children's Church today: Kim or Steve Perry and
Katie Brown
Children's Church next Sunday: Maxine Rich and
Jamie Brown

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct.	29	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	with Treasurer
Mon.,	Oct.	30	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Ceramics
Tues.,	Oct.	31	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Children's Halloween Party Cub Scouts
Thurs.,	Nov.	2	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal Troop 51 Court of Honor
Fri.,	Nov.	3	10:00 a.m.	Church Women United World Community Day Ebenezer UCC



### We Are Family ONE IN CHRIST



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Our Giving!

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LET'S JOIN AND PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR FAITH IS!

A SMALL SACRIFICE NOW, FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF ALL, WILL PROVIDE LASTING BENEFIT. THE MOVIE AND THE MEAL ARE SOON FORGOTTEN: CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, THE CARING AND LOVE FOR OUR FELLOWS AND OUR COMMUNITY, LIVES ON BECAUSE WE SACRIFICE ...

WE ARE FAMILY

# STEWARDSHIP PERCENTAGE GIVING CHART

This chart will help you find what percent of your income you give to the Lord's work. How does it compare with the Bible's suggested tithe (10%)?

October 29, 1989

#195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

#269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

#273 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"



### WITNESS OF FAITH

"At The River" nthem

Setting by Aaron Copland

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Time With Children

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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George Frederick Handel

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

vmn #269 "L Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

rayer for Illumination

cripture Reading

John 1:1-14

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"Our Church Family's Present"

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

vmn #272

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

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horal Response "Jerusalem" Charles Hubert Hastings Parry "O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes

and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall

see Christ's promised reign of peace."

ostlude "Voluntary in C Major" David N. Johnson

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 29, 1989 Luke 18:13

Had the Reformers merely reminded us of our need for mercy, they would have done us only half a favor. But, drawing upon a rich biblical heritage of prophets and apostles, they have completed the favor by pointing again to the availability of mercy on the part of a loving and forgiving God. Our pleas for mercy, like the publican's in the temple, would be pleas of despair were it not for the assurance that there is one who hears and answers. In the words of the Psalmist, "I cry aloud to the Lord, and the Lord answers me" (Psalm 3:4).

Rev. Otto F. Artopoeus Bellevue, KY

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Martin Luther said it: A simple layperson armed with scripture is to be believed above a pope or a council without it. Ever since, that has been an article of Protestant faith. Every time we present a Bible to a confirmand we reaffirm that nothing should stand between a believer and scripture.

But what good is the Bible to someone who cannot read? Illiteracy throws us back to the Middle Ages, when scripture verses were parceled out like rare pearls from the pulpit. The invention of moveable type made Bibles available to all . . . if only they could read. After that, readin' came first in Protestant education!

But what good is the Bible to someone who cannot read? Today there are more than twenty million functionally illiterate adults in this country. They have the highest rates of unemployment. They are overrepresented in our prisons. And they can't read the Bible. Could there be a connection?

Frank Laubach, the famous missionary from one of our predecessor denominations, dedicated his life to eradicating illiteracy in the world. His name is honored on every continent of the globe. Today the challenge of literacy is not only overseas. It is here at home.

With our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries supports literacy projects in Newark, New Jersey, Appalachia, and Forest Grove, Oregon.

### Salvation has come to this house

### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-039 Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeriti

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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Don Danley and Willy Herold, Acolytes Today
Confirmands Macon Albertson, Brian Harper,
and Shawn McKenna, Liturgists Today

November 5, 1989

11:00 a.m

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" John Hughe Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements Introit "O Clap Your Hands" Douglas E. Wagne

Responsive Call to Worship

Macon Albertso

L. Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and for evermore:

P. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God be praised!

It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, 0 Most High;

P. to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

Macon Albertso

\*Hymn #12 "For All That Dwell Below the Skies"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Brian Harpe

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, too often we forget you are God and we are not. We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves. We bask in the false assumption that we are in control of our lives. Sometimes we tamper with the lives of those around us for our own ends. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to serve you above all else. Amen.

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Nursery today: Nell Snyder

9:45 a.m.

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Nursery next Sunday: Susan Hemphill

Children's Church today: Maxine Rich and Jamie Brown Children's Church next Sunday: Sheree Smith and Daniel Dovle

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:10 p.m. Centennial Committee Adult S.S. Room Soup and Salad Lunch in Parish 12:15 p.m. House sponsored by the youth. 5:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education 6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship Mon., 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2 7:00 p.m. Ceramics 7:30 p.m. Circle #3

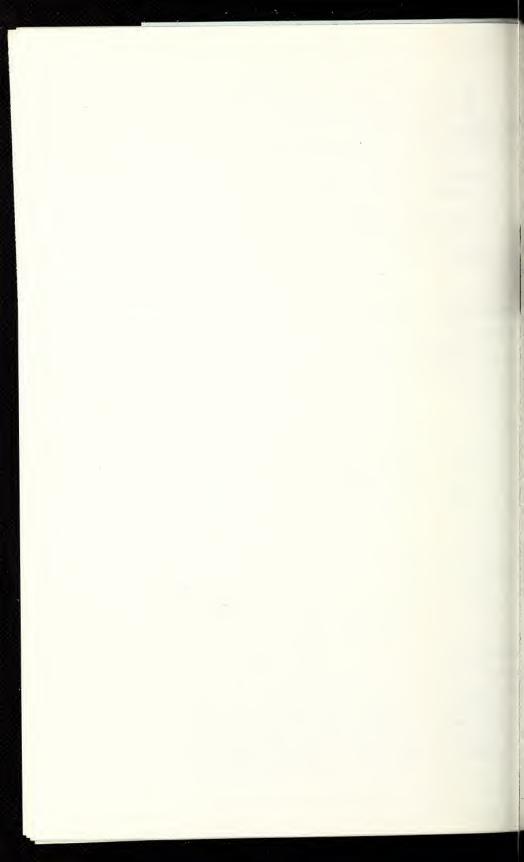
7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

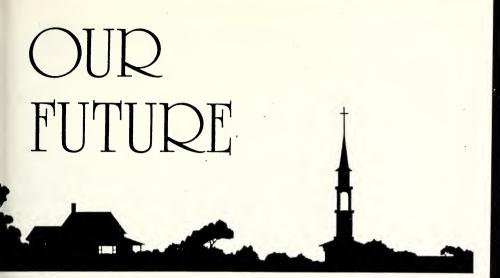
Tues., 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle #4

Wed., 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

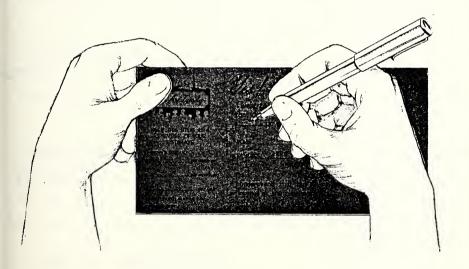
Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Fri., 8:00 p.m. Lock-in Younger Youth





is in God's hands...



and Yours!

Each of us wonders from time to time what the future holds for our church family and for God's family throughout the world.

In every area of life, the future is a mystery. Always, it is filled with possibility and risk. While we cannot control the future, our decisions today are important for tomorrow's possibilities.

While the future of our church and of the world, finally, is in God's hands, we who follow Jesus believe that we are called to influence the shape of the church's future and the world's future.

Jesus said, "My Father is working still, and I am working." He invites us to follow him in participating with God in the ongoing process of creation.

Making appropriate stewardship responses during our "We Are Family" program is one way we can answer Jesus' invitation. As we do so, we share with God in creating a new church and a new world.

Let us join hands with God, then, in enabling tomorrow's possibilities to become realities here and everywhere.

### HYMNAL SONG MARKER

Shawn McKenna

WE ARE FAMILY

TO THE ALTAR WE WILL GO

OUR OFFERING THIS MORNING WILL BE A SPECIAL OCCASION. WE WILL EACH WALK FORWARD (OUR USHERS WILL INDICATE, BY ROW) TO DEPOSIT BOTH OUR OFFERING AND OUR "CARING AND SHARING" ENVELOPE WHICH CONTAINS OUR PLANNED ESTIMATE OF GIVING FOR THE COMING YEAR, TO THE ALTAR. WE WILL RETURN TO OUR PEW BY THE OUTSIDE AISLES.

FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE BROUGHT THEIR ESTIMATE AND VOLUNTEER CHECK LIST, BLANK FORMS AND ENVELOPES ARE AT THE CENTER AISLE OF EACH PEW. THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THEIR ESTIMATE THIS MORNING WILL BE CONTACTED BY PHONE AS A REMINDER TO BRING, OR MAIL, THEIR ENVELOPE IN BY NEXT SUNDAY.

WE MUST ALL RESPOND WITH GENEROSITY FOR THE GOOD OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY AROUND US. THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS.

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November 5, 1989

#12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

#217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

#404 "Take My Life and Let It Be"



Time for Reflection and Prayer Assurance of Pardon

Shawn McKenna

\*Gloria Patri \$#513)

### WITNESS OF FAITH

"O For a Closer Walk" C. V. Stanford Anthem "O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made Thee mourn, And drove Thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame:

So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

(Text by William Cowper (1731-1800)

Prayer

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

Hvmn #217 "Lord of All Hopefulness" (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Shawn McKenna

Scripture Reading I Corinthinans 12:14-27 Sermon "Our Church Family's Future"

John Irvine

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

"Legende" (op. 59, #2) Flor Peeters

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### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn #404 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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horal Response "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughn Williams ostlude "Exultation" G. Winston Cassler

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### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 5, 1989 Luke 19:9

In our individualistic culture, we are tempted to think that we alone bear the responsibility for and consequences of our actions and attitudes. But other people are affected too: our families, our communities, and others we may never meet. Jesus comes to us, not only that we ourselves might be healed, but that others too might be set free.

Rev. Roberta Sears York Road United Reformed Church Woking, England

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

This is the season when many of us bring non-perishable canned and packaged foods to church for distribution to the needy. We stack them on the altar steps and return to our pews. The mountain of food before us makes quite an impression. Yet, we know that it can only appease the hunger pangs of a few people for a short time.

For millions of people in this country and around the world, hunger is not a November problem, it is a year-round problem, At some point each month, every month, twenty million Americans are hungry. Overseas, more than 500 million people in developing countries are hungry. Almost forty thousand children — equivalent to the population of Marion, Ohio, or Burlington, Vermont — die

each day, every day, from hunger-related causes.

When we hear about a new food crisis at home or abroad, many of us want to do something now to help rather than wait until the next One Great Hour of Sharing offering. At times like that, we need to be reminded that our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing work throughout the year, every year, not only to feed hungry people, but also to provide our partners with the seeds, the tools, and the techniques that allow hungry people to develop permanent solutions to their own food needs.

We also need to know that our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission support the year-around hunger work of the United

Church Boards for Homeland and World Ministries.

### AY GOD )RECT YOUR HEARTS

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November 12, 1989

11:00 a

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Charles A. Chau "A Sacred Procession" Prelude Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen Introit "God Is A Spirit" from Twelve Canticles

Randall Thom

Responsive Call to Worship

Ryan Ha

Come, all who have doubts and hurts, and hear the Word of God.

We know that God will be with us to strengthen Ρ. our faith and to help us overcome our unbelief.

The Lord has empowered us with living water L. to cleanse our wounds and give us newness of life.

We have come to hear God's healing word and be Ρ. reminded that we have been made in God's image.

Rejoice, for God is with us in this place, not only with power, but also with love.

For unto us is born a Savior who challenges us Ρ. to serve our fellow human beings in his name.

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") Ryan Ha

"We Praise Thee, O God" \*Hymn #22

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

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Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, who calls us to live on the mountain top o vision and hope, we confess that we live in the valley despair and unhappiness. We permit the clouds of selfi ness and fears to hide you from us. Forgive us and mak us whole, that we may live joyously and victoriously in the light of your presence. Amen.

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell.

USHERS today are young people from the Walstein W. Snyder campus of the Elon Homes for Children. From Rudd cottage: Tammy Wakefield, Brian Kelly, and Alicia Gibbs; from McEwen Cottage, Derrick James, Michelle Tilley, and Jamie Wilkinson. All the residents of Rudd Cottage are attending our worship service today. Welcome, friends!

There will be <u>no</u> FUN CLUB meeting in November. Our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12th. Watch the Torch for further details.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Susan Hemphill Nursery next Sunday: Mona Atkinson

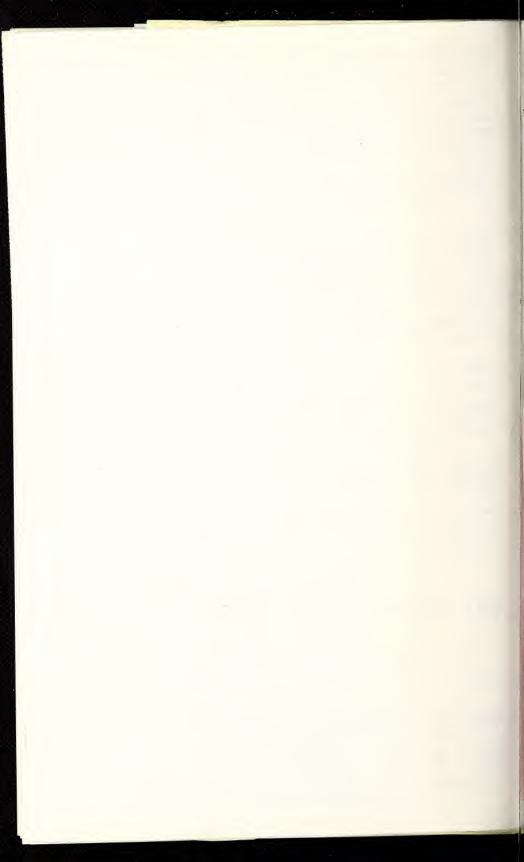
Children's Church today: Sheree Smith and Daniel Doyle Children's Church next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Brian Harper

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 12
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
3:30 p.m. Inquirer's Class
4:00 p.m. Younger Youth
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

Mon., Nov. 13
10:30 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thurs., Nov. 16 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



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OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL SOON BE MEETING TO FINALIZE OUR 1990 BUDGET. PLEASE, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, SUBMIT YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING BY MAIL ON OR BY NEXT SUNDAY AT THE LATEST.

APPROXIMATELY 75% OF THE ANTICI-PATED ESTIMATE FORMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER TO INDICATE HOW WELL OUR CHURCH FAMILY WILL BE SUPPORTING THE CHURCH'S PLANNED OUTREACH.

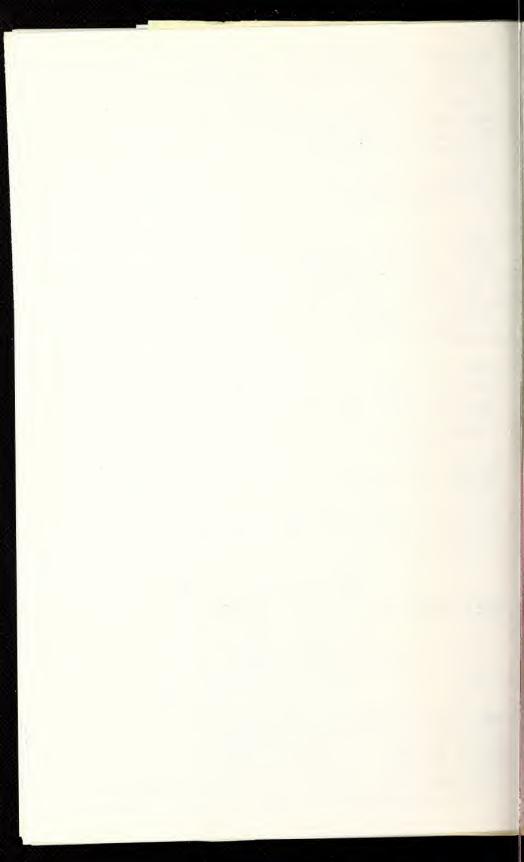
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### HYMNAL SONG MARKER

NOVEMBER 12, 1989

#22 "WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD"

#418 "O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE"

#372
"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"



Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Katie Brown

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Message from Elon Homes for Children

Ben Stubbs

Anthem

"Pie Jesu" Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem. Blessed Jesus, Lord, give us peace.

Leonard Rowe, baritone

Prayer

A Time With Children

(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "Bist Du Bei Mir" Johann Sebastian Bach If you are near me, I go with joy to death and to my rest. Oh, how content were thus my end; your beautiful hands would close my faithful eyes.

Chris Lawrence, Tenor

### Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 26:1-19

Sermon

"Life's Narrowing and Spirit's Broadening"

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn #372

"How Firm A Foundation"

Benediction

Choral Response "Whatsoever You Do"

Hal Hopson

Postlude "Laudate Dominum" (Praise the Lord) Peter Hurford

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**NOVEMBER 12. 1989** 2 Thessalonians 3:5

God as "heart director" helps us understand who we are and who God is. God as "heart director" keeps us in tune and whole. God as "heart director" points us toward productive opportunities for compassionate and merciful ministry in our lives and in our world. Let us allow God to fill us with God's heart-warming, healing presence, and to be the heart and soul of our life together as a church. And, oh yes, allowing God to direct our hearts inspires within us spontaneous, heart-felt thanksgiving and praise.

> Rev. H. Neil Mumma St. Paul's United Church of Christ Northampton, PA

### REING A STEWARD

For United Church of Christ folk, autumn not only means spiraling footballs and falling leaves, but also the annual financial drive to "underwrite the church budget." Pledging is, of course, an important part of being a good steward, but giving to meet a budget reverses the order of priority. Our gifts should reflect a measure of our faith rather than a calculation of the congregation's need.

In determining how much money to give to the church, we indicate how much we value the church's ministry and mission. In other words, level of giving, as a proportion of what we have,

provides evidence of commitment.

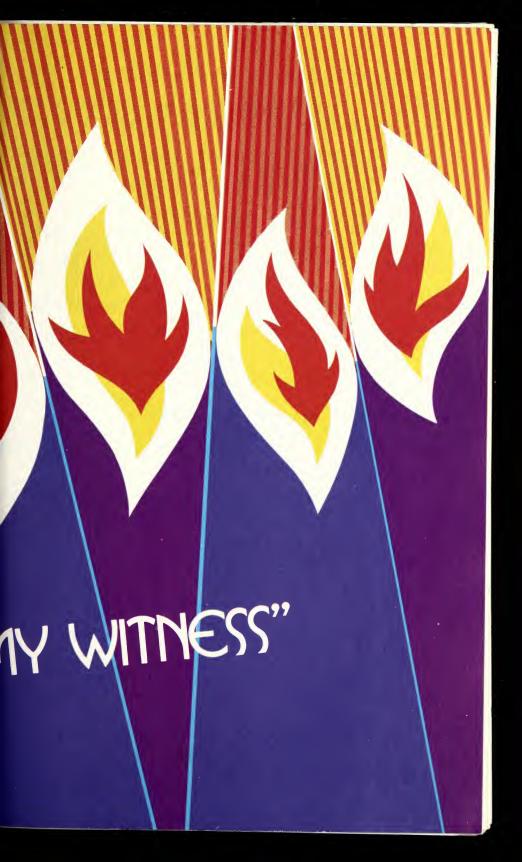
In general, UCC folk are not poor. Thus, we cannot blame the decline in giving on the poverty of the givers. If your church or mine is having a financial problem, it is experiencing a commitment problem. The membership does not value enough what the church does in order to give it adequate financial support. We need to change that attitude. Here are two things we can do:

\*Move from the ingathering of money pledges once a year to a year-round program of teaching and learning to be a steward;

\*Encourage congregational leaders to demonstrate that they are "first fruits" givers who place giving first rather than last on their

list of priorities.

If we are sincere in our desire to increase giving to the church, we must embrace a comprehensive conception that makes us stewards of all of life. That approach changes value systems, making it possible for money to flow to undergird the new values.



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

REGGIE NORWOOD MCLELLAND December 18, 1917 - November 12, 1989

> FION COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 1989

Officiating Clergy:

**Organist** Soloist

Dr. William J. Andes Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr. Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg Mr. Leonard Rowe

PREI UDE

SENTENCES

Dr. Irvine

\*HYMN 80: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

WELCOME

Dr. Andes

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts at not our thoughts, grant that your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sighs too deep for human words. Heal our wounder hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, assure us again that ear has not heard, nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned, what you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Leonard Rowe, bariton SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Corinthians 15:51-58; John 6: 37-40

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24; Isaiah 25:6-9, 61:1-3 Dr. Irvin Dr. Ande

REMEMBRANCES

Dr. Ande Dr. Irvir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UCC Statement of Faith back of hymna RAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Dr. Irvine (These will conclude with the following unison prayer:)

O God, whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot e counted, awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of uman life. By your Holy Spirit, lead us in faithfulness all ur days. When we have served you in our generation, may we e gathered with those who have gone before, having the estimony of a good conscience, in the communion of your holy hurch, in the confidence of a saving hope, in favor with you, ur God, and at perfect peace with the world; through Jesus rrist our Redeemer.

HE LORD'S PRAYER (using "trespasses")

OMMENDATION

Dr. Andes

MN 306 "For All the Saints"

ONG OF SIMEON (IN UNISON)

Dr. Irvine

Holy One, now let your servant go in peace; your word has een fulfilled; my own eyes have seen the salvation which you ave prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal ou to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

ESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

. May God bless you and keep you.

Dr. Andes

- Amen. .. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
- Amen.
- .. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Amen.

. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Dr. Irvine

- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
- Thanks be to God.

OSTLUDE

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

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November 19, 1989

11:00 a.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "A Mighty Fortress" Concertato for two Trumpet Vaclav Nelhyl Two Trombones, and Organ Kevin Byrd and Preston Mayo, trumpet Frank Pugh and Erik Stegall, trombone

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen

"Psalm 150" Introit

John Hari

Responsive Call to Worship

Ryan Har

Let the peoples praise you, 0 God; let all the peoples praise you.

L. Then shall the earth yield her increase;

and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

L. God shall bless us:

and all the ends of the earth shall fear God. Ρ.

### PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") "Now Thank We All Our God" \*Hymn #29

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Jamie Br

Unison Prayer of Confession

Here we have no eternal land, O God; here no sure foundation. Our forebears also sinned: against you and against their neighbors and against the soil; against native Americans and many others; with malice of forethought and as policy.

So do we also, each in our own time, sadden the promis land, assume hunger amid plenty, and bequeath confusion and bitterness at the heart of the national soul.

Hold our hearts heavenward, O God, not in thanks to the God of our own carving, the final guarantor of our own imaginings--but to you who alone are holy, are just, are pure, and who loves each as if there were no other, you who alone are God.

Permit us, O God, to call no halt home; pilgrims, keep us on the move, our roots in wandering with Abraham toward God, toward the land you will show us and your promised rest. For here we have no continuing country,

out we seek one that is to come. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

nthem "Talk With Us, Lord" Text: Charles Wesley Music: Austin C. Lovelace "Talk with us, Lord, yourself reveal, While here on earth we rove; Speak to our hearts, and let us feel The kindling of your love. You call me, Lord, to seek your face; 'Tis all I wish to seek: To hear the whispers of your grace, And hear you deeply speak. Here then be gracious, God, to stay, And bid my heart rejoice; My bounding heart shall own your sway, And echo to your voice. Let this my every hour employ, Till I your glory see; And enter to my Master's joy, And find my heaven in Thee."

rayer

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Time With Children

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"Thanks Be To Thee"

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mn #460 "We Plow the Fields, And Scatter"

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#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 138

Sermon "Whole-Hearted Thanksgiving"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #438 "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "A Blessing"

William Ferris

\*Postlude

"Toccata in D Minor"

Max Reger

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

We are receiving into membership today Leonard and Gayle Comer of 128 Westover Drive, Elon College, by letter of transfer from the Arden Presbyterian Church, Arden, N.C., and Mrs. Mona Stadler Covington of Elon College, by letter of transfer from the Front Street United Methodist Church Burlington, N.C.

#### CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

People: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

eader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

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# We Are Family

YESTERDAY,
TODAY,
FOREVER

Praise God and Eelebrate!

#### PRAISE GOD AND CELEBRATE!

With our "WE ARE FAMILY" stewardship drive now ended, this Sunday is a time to praise God and celebrate!

WE PRAISE GOD for the cooperation and unity shown during this campaign. Truly, WE ARE FAMILY and, as such ONE IN CHRIST.

WE PRAISE GOD for every adult, youth and child...

...who expressed the need for care from the church family,

...who volunteered talents and time to be shared with the church family,

...and who filled in an estimate of giving for the coming year.

WE CELEBRATE the ministries of care and the programs of service that will be possible as a result of these stewardship responses.

WE CELEBRATE the effort put forth by each key worker to help our "Family" campaign run smoothly and succeed.

Yes, today -- as with every yesterday and tomorrow -- we who are family have reason to PRAISE GOD AND CELEBRATE!

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mrs. Reggie McLelland by Mr. and Mrs. Carev Matlock.

Nursery today: Mona Atkinson

Children's Church today: Cile Welborn and Brian

Harper

Children's Church next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins

and Ryan Harris

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov.	19	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Board of Missions Discover Fellowship Older Youth Board of Deacons
Mon.,	Nov.	20	7:00 p.m.	Ceramics
Tues.,	Nov.	21	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov.	22	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service First Baptist Church of Elon College
Fri.,	Nov.	24		Church Office Closed

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 1989 Psalm 82:8b

Where is the God of justice and love? People of faith have struggled with this question in every age. World history shows social, political and economic inequities between people and nations. We stand firmly in our Christian heritage, striving for justice and reconciliation between people, nations, and religions. Our God of justice and love is affirmed and known in worship and mission endeavors in local and global contexts. Let the light of our works for justice and love shine brightly so that the world community may see and seek our God-revealed vision of oneness and equality.

Rev. F. Allison Phillips Mt. Zion Congregational Church Cleveland, OH

#### SUPPORT STAFF JUST EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Because it is a favorite sermon illustration, most of us have heard some version of the story about the three stone-cutters who saw the same work in strikingly different perspectives. We pity the worker whose vision was limited to earning a wage, or to chipping a stone, but we celebrate the worker who saw each stone as an integral part of the cathedral under construction.

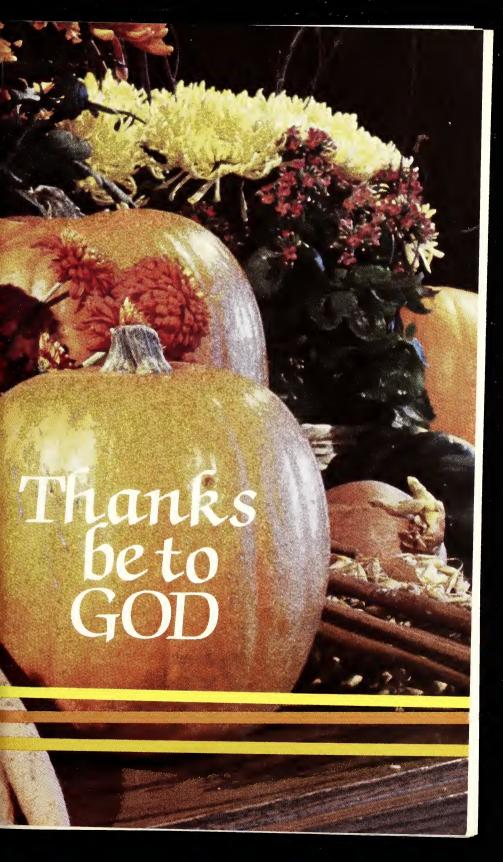
The same moral applies to any other kind of work.

Blessed are the congregations whose support staff see their work not as a narrow job but as an integral part of the total ministry of the church. Such employees are a priceless gift. But they do not come free.

In most cases, churches with dedicated support staff can take much of the credit for the gift, because they understand that the morale of even the most dedicated employees is influenced by external factors.

Some of us mistakenly believe that churches are such desirable places to work that secretaries and custodians should be content with whatever they receive. But faithful churches recognize that it is not fair to expect a professional job from a church employee who is not adequately paid. And they know that fair compensation is only one part of a program of just employment practices. In addition, a comprehensive personnel policy, including specific position descriptions and providing for vacation time, health insurance, and pension benefits, should be developed if one does not already exist.

Not only charity, but also justice begins at home — or in the church.



# ANNUAL UNION THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA

7:00 p.m. November 22, 1989 Elon First Baptist Church

#### Sponsoring Churches:

Elon College Community Church The Rev. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor

Elon First Baptist Church The Rev. Clarence R. Wall, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Elon College The Rev. Norman Harris, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome

Mr. Wal

Call to Worship

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn 46

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Com

The President's Proclamation

Mr. Irvi

Responsive Reading "Thanksgiving" p. 594

Mr. Harr

Scripture Readings: Psalm 8, Psalm 78:1-4, Luke 10:25-37

Thanksgiving Meditation

"Pass It On!"

Mr. Irvi

\*Offering Hymn 38

"Count Your Blessing

Thanksgiving Offering

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Louis Wilkins, Elon College Community Church Sam Cousin, Elon First Baptist Church

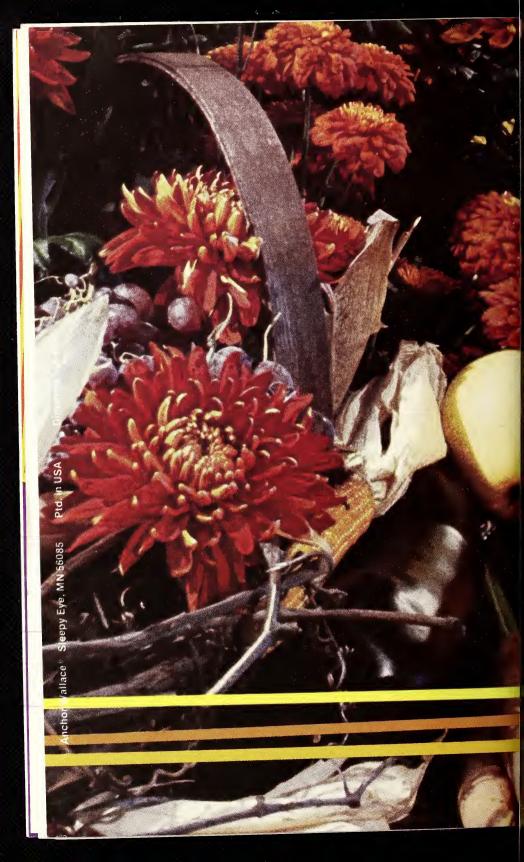
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"We Gather Together"

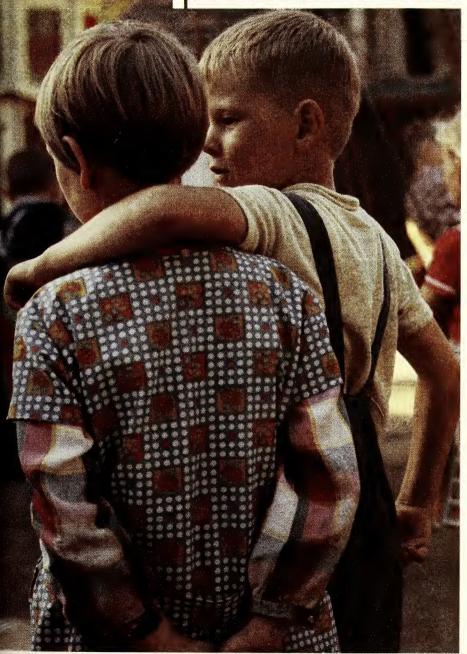
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Mr. Wall

nis evening's offering will go to the Building Fund of lon First Baptist Church, which hopes to complete its www.building.during 1990.







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Marie Acquilano and Elizabeth Lohr-Myers, Acolytes Today

November 26, 1989

11:00 a

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Chorale Prelude: "Durch Adams Fall"

Gottfried August Homil

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" John Rut

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Alleluia: For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

P. Let us exult and give God the glory.

L. Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

P. "Jesus Christ the first and last, no man works like him!"

#### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #16 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

I admit, O Lord, that I have not been zealous enough in my discipleship. I have not struggled to understand the great ideas of the faith, nor have I really attempted to give you the mastery of my life. I have lived selfishly in a world of misery and hunger, turning aside from the pain of others that might lead me out of my accustomed ways, and I have not sought to be Christ to my neighbor. Forgive me and help me to begin in this moment to be a new person in Christ. Let the love that is waiting for me in your arms redirect me in all my ways. Amen.

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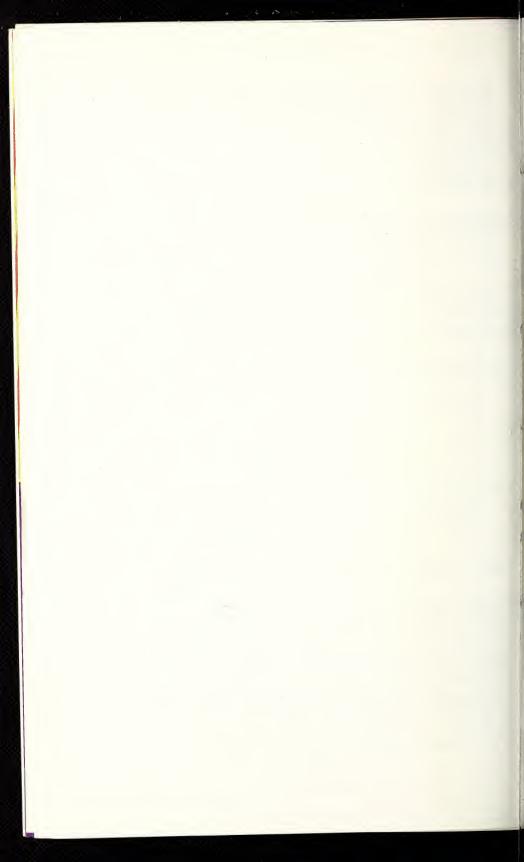
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in loving memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shomaker and her father, Mr. E. T. Murray.

Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

Children's Church today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and
Ryan Harris
Children's Church Next Sunday: Louis or Kristin
Wilkins and Christy
Rich.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov.	26	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:15 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Younger Youth trip to Twin Lakes
Mon.,	Nov.	27	10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Prayer Group Budget Committee
Tues.,	Nov.	28	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Centennial Committee Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov.	29	7:30 p.m.	Afterschool Committee
Thurs.,	Nov.	30	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal



#### CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

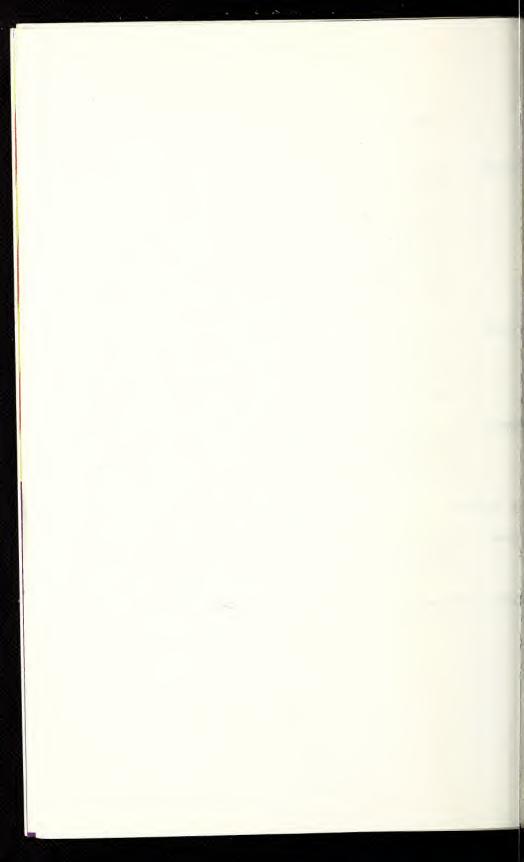
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ader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



Time for Reflection and Prayer Assurance of Pardon Gloria Patri (#513)

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "As Tenderly as a Father" Text and music by John Shepherd "As tenderly as a father loves his children, our God

loves each one of us. As warmly as a mother cares for her children, our God cares for each and every one of us. How beautiful to know that God is always near to love, to care. Our God is everywhere."

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Reception of New Members

see insert

Announcement of the Offering ffertory

"Amazing Grace"

Don Hustad

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

lymn #489 "I Would Be True"

(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

rayer

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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Acts 26:1-19

ermon

"Life's Narrowing and Spirit's Broadening"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn #418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

enediction

noral Response "Now the Silence"

Carl F. Schalk

stlude

"Processional"

William Mathias

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

receive into membership today by transfer of letter from e Princeton (NJ) United Methodist Church Harvey and ances Hook of 301 E. College Ave., Elon College.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 26, 1989 Colossians 1:20

Often we see peace as a series of negotiated settlements to human squabbles — whether it be peace between warring nations or peace between rival siblings. Or, psychologized, we prize peace as a state of mind to be achieved by either religious or secular means. The peace God makes in Christ, according to Colossians, is a bigger peace that does not come from human initiative. It is the gift of God's own sacrificial love reigning and actively working to bring individual human relationships and the cosmic order into wholeness.

Rev. F. Russell Mitman First United Church of Christ Carlisle, PA

#### ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CARE

Providing compassionate, quality, cost-effective health care and health education in a Christian setting has been the mission of Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis for one hundred years. This mission to care has evolved from a 14-bed hospital, with four staff members, serving fewer than one hundred patients in 1889, to a modern health care delivery system which today includes many innovative programs surrounding the 527-bed hospital, a college of nursing, a skilled nursing facility and burgeoning outpatient services. Combined, they served over 150,000 persons in 1988.

Founded as the Motherhouse of the Evangelical Deaconess Sisters, the school provided trained Deaconesses to assist in the opening of thirteen other Deaconess Homes and Hospitals between 1889 and 1917. Over 200 young women were consecrated as Deaconess Sisters, serving in the hospital or other specialized ministries of the church. Fourteen Deaconess Sisters, all in retirement, reside today in St. Louis.

As a Centennial gift to the United Church of Christ, and to honor these pioneer professional women, the Deaconess Health Services Corporation has initiated a new Diaconal Ministry Program. Open to mature adults who are willing to invest at least one year as full-time volunteers, the Diaconal Ministers are already serving in special UCC ministries in the St. Louis area.

The Centennial slogan, "Tradition with Vision," heralds Deaconess' renewed commitment to continue to minister in the Healer's name.

Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Our Lord Fesus Christ

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#### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

December 3, 1989

11:00

PRELUDE "Schubler Chorale" Johann Sebastian ("Savior of the heathen, come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home. Wonder at it, heaven and earth, that the Le chose such a birth.")

#### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "Nova! Nova!" 15th Century Scotish ("Nova" means "news." "Ave," the Latin word for "hai is "Eva" spelled backwards. "Ave fit ex Eva" means (Ave is made from Eva." This annunciation carol expresses the medieval belief that Eva's (Eve's) sin, shared by all women, was forgiven when the Angel Gabr greeted Mary with the news that she would bear the Sol of God.)

#### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "trespasses")

\*HYMN 29. "Now Thank We All Our God"

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Christy Rich, Confin

- L. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- P. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful a just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from a unrighteousness.

L. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bonda to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake or Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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NTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES BY SPONSORS

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Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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(The members of the congregation are seated.)

#### ACT OF BAPTISM

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF THE CANDIDATES (Candidates kneel)

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oly God, we praise and bless You for creation and the ift of life, and for Your abiding love that brings us lose to You, the Source of all blessing. We thank You or revealing Your will for us in the giving of the law nd in the preaching of the prophets. We thank You specially that in the fullness of time You sent Jesus, orn of Mary, to live in our midst, share in our uffering, and accept the pain of death at the hands f those whom He loved. We rejoice that in a perfect ictory over the grave, You raised Christ with power become sovereign in Your realm. We celebrate the oming of the Holy Spirit to gather Your church, by nich Your work may be done in the world, and through nich we share the gift of eternal life. With the aithful in every place and time, we praise with joy our holy name:

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Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

(The bread is distributed.)

Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you

Amen.

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(The wine is distributed.)

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for yo

Our Savior Jesus Christ keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

Let us pray.

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#### **ADDRESS**

L. Jesus said: Unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter God's new order. Paul the apostle said: All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

Baptism is the sacrament through which we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation. Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God. It shows the death of self and the rising to a life of obedience and praise. It shows also the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the Spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

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- L. Katie Brown, Jamie Brown, Brian Harper, and Shawn McKenna, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?
- C. I do.
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- L. Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?
- C. I do.
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- C. I do.
- L. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?
- C. I promise, with the help of God.

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We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before this world had shape and for your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of that deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning.

In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the water of Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit.

(The water is visibly poured)

Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in all baptized this day that they may rise in Christ. Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

#### ACT OF BAPTISM

- Macon Albertson/ Ryan Harris / Christy Rich, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- L. Let us rise and sing the Gloria Patri.

#### GLORIA PATRI (All standing)

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- , the God of peace sanctify you. I pray that you will be preserved blameless to the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
- , the God of mercies multiply grace and peace to you, enable you truly and faithfully to keep your vows, defend you in every time of danger, preserve you to the end, and finally bring you to rest with all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.
- Strengthen, O God, this your servant with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue yours for ever; and daily increase in him/her your Holy Spirit, until you receive him/her at last into your eternal home. Amen.
- L. O God, in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted through the this your servant water of baptism. Nourish in her/him the power of your Holy Spirit that she/he may serve you in the world. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

We rejoice, O merciful God, with these people in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life.

We give you thanks that they have been moved, some to be baptized and some to affirm their baptism. Help them not to live for themselves but for Christ and for those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ.

(The newly confirmed shall rise and stand in place

#### QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

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(The Moderator of the Congregation shall say:)

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(The pastors, moderator, parents and sponsors greet each newly confirmed person.)

#### PRAYER

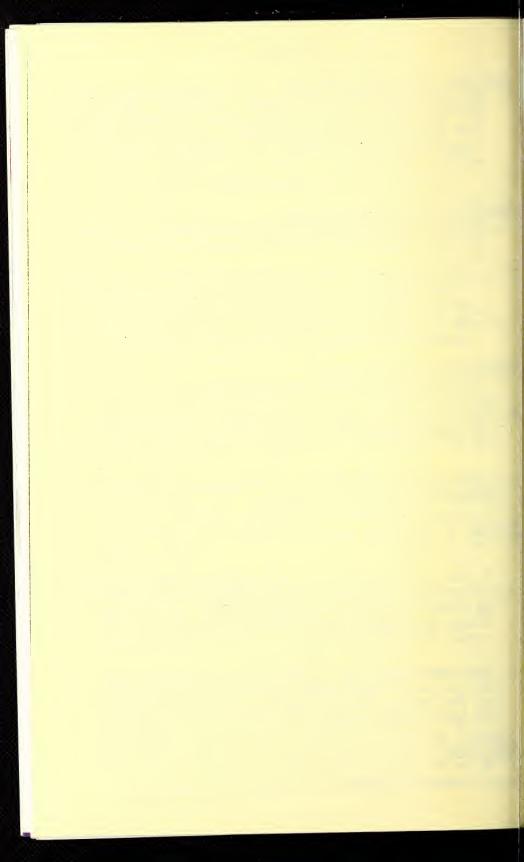
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Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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- Go in the peace of Christ.
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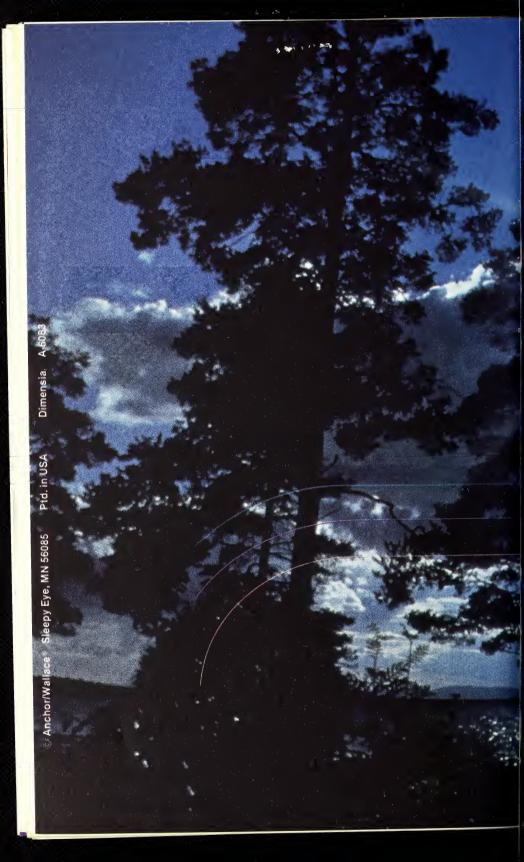
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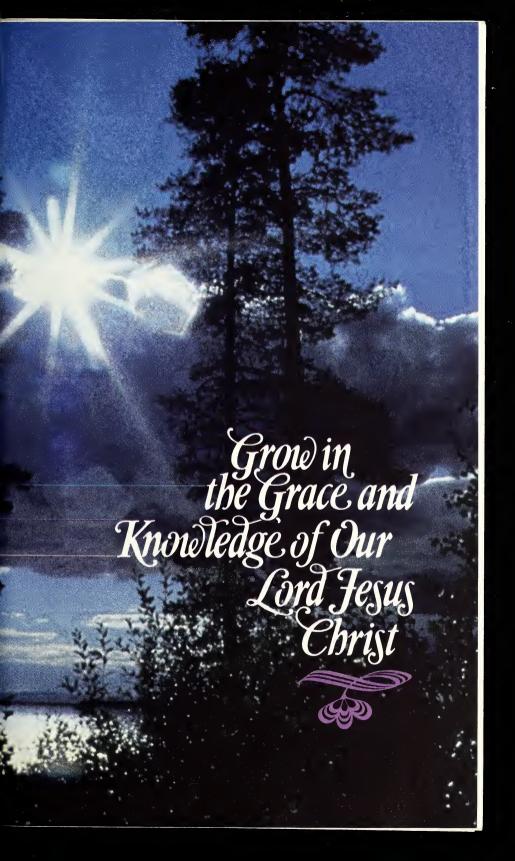
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## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

December 3, 1989

11:00 /

PRELUDE "Schubler Chorale" Johann Sebastian E ("Savior of the heathen, come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home. Wonder at it, heaven and earth, that the Lor chose such a birth.")

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORMS

INTROIT "Nova! Nova!" 15th Century Scotish Ca ("Nova" means "news." "Ave," the Latin word for "hail! is "Eva" spelled backwards. "Ave fit ex Eva" means (Ave is made from Eva." This annunciation carol expresses the medieval belief that Eva's (Eve's) sin, shared by all women, was forgiven when the Angel Gabrie greeted Mary with the news that she would bear the Son of God.)

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "trespasses")

\*HYMN 29. "Now Thank We All Our God"

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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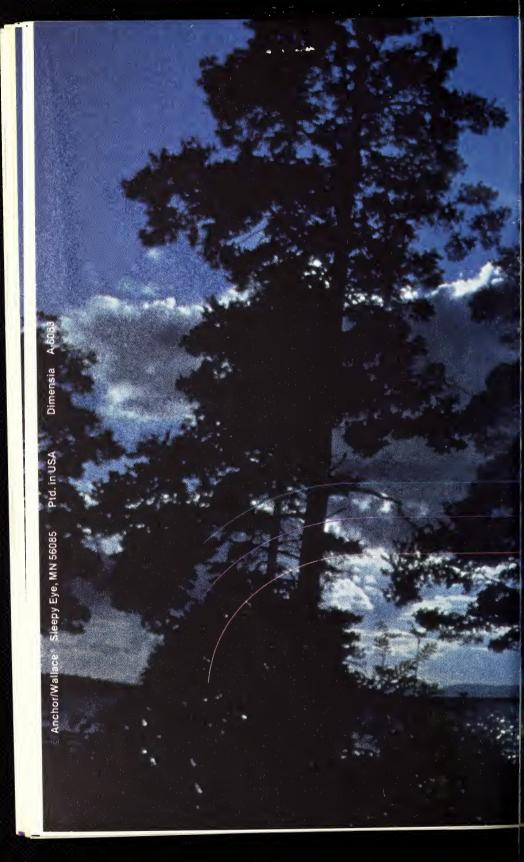
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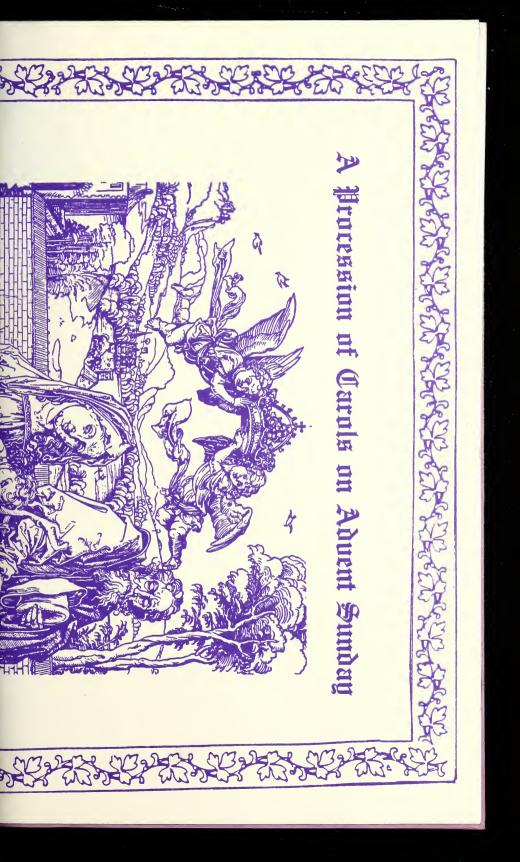
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## Order of Worship

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A Morning Advent Carol Of The Father's Love Tegotten

Johannes Grahms

The Kev. Br. John M. Frvine, Fr.

15th Century Plainsong

BELOVED in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all men and all things into the glory of God's eternal up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ Himself taught us: The Lord's Prayer

Processional Mymn 110\* @ Come, @ Come, Emmanuel

15th Century French Processional

The First Aesson

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

Reader, Heidi Troxler

Isaiah XL, 1-8

Carol: Tullay My Liking

Music by Gustav Rolst Words from "A Medieval Anthology" Refrain: Lullay my liking, my dear Son, my Sweeting; Lullay my dear Heart, Mine own dear Darling. I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing: She lulled a little child, A sweete Lording. Refrain. That Eternal Lord is He That made alle thing; Of alle Lordes He is Lord, Of every King He's King. Refrain. There was mickle melody At that childes birth: Though the songsters were heavenly. They made mickle mirth. Refrain. Angels bright they sang that night And saiden to that Child: "Blessed

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FUN CLUB MEETS DECEMBER 12.
Holiday Festivities are planned for Tuesday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m. in thing you already have but no longer need; something humorous; anything will the Parish House. Each person is to bring a gift--something useless; some-Gift wrapped for Christmas

Bring a brown-bag lunch--and if the ladies have any Christmas cookies or cake they'd like to share for dessert, bring them along. Coffee and tea provided

to share the holiday spirit. If you have a friend or neighbor that might care to participate, invite them

ship requirements--Our goal is to provide a friendly atmosphere of good Everyone is welcome to attend a Fun Club Meeting--there are no formal memberThe following is a list of the families that the Women's Fellowship has adopted for Christmas Cheer this year. Donations of clothing, food, and toys may be brought to the church. If you have any questions concerning these families contact Elizabeth Parker 584-1979.

Family No. 1.

pants 30w/m length, shoe size 10%. pants 32 medium, shoe size 11%. 22½ dress, 8½ shoe size. XXL Shirt, 23 shoe size. size 12 to 18 months. shoe size 6½. 7 months 8 years 14 years 16 years Female 36 years 36 years Boy Boy

Family No. 2.

28-34 pants, Medium shirt, 44 coat, 10 shoe size. 6 slim, 11½ shoe size. 24 month size shoe size 6. 5 years 9 months Female 30 years Female Male

Family No. 3.

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Congregational Mymn 114\* Tift Up Pour Reads, Pe Mighty Gates

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The Fifth Tesson

The Prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God.

Isaiah XXXV, 1-6

Carol: Christ Is the Flower Mithin My Reart

Words and Music by Edward Chapman

to my ways, A lamp to lighten all my days. Christ bring my soul to Paradise. may dwell in liberty. Christ is the word upon my tongue. For me upon the cross He hung. By wicked folk mocked and betrayed, us to show. Christ is the thought within my mind, His life he gave to save mankind. By His example we may see How men With plaited crown of thorns arrayed. Christ is the light within mine eyes, The golden beam that maketh wise, A guiding lantern Christ is the flower within my heart, In sweet seclusion set apart. From heaven he came to earth below, The Father's love for

Announcements and Passing of the Friendship Forms

The Offertury Sentence

Music: Et exultavit spiritus meus from Magnificat in A Major

Iohann Sebastian Wach

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour

len Williams, mezzo-soprano

The Sixth Tesson

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Luke I, 26-35, 38

Reader, The Rev. Beth Lyon

## Onlert\*

Minister: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

cople: In the midst of thy temple.

Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, Grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge, even thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

## The Blessing

the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Johann Bachelbel Fugue on the Mynn "Von Rinnnel Roch" From Reaven on Righ I Come to Cou" The Organ Postlude

"The Congregation may stand at these points.

Guest Musicians: Carol Marguerite Link, organist; Ellen Williams, mezzo-soprano



The Seventh Tennon The Congregation shall stand for the seventh lesson.

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom of God.

Antonio Vivaldi

Reader, The Rev. Dr. John Irvine, Jr.

Cloria In Excelsis Den from Gloria

The Aduent Responsory To be said by Minister and People, alternately.

Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you.

A Dime For Silent Prager

Carol The Little Boad to Bethlehem

Words by Margaret Kose Music by Michael Read

the little road to Bethlehem. down the road at set of sun, The lamps were coming homewards, one by one, I heard a sheepbell softly calling them, Along coming home," sweet Mary sang, "Your Star of gold is shining in the sky, So sleep, my little King, go lullaby." As I walked the lambs at close of day And rocked her tiny King among the hay. Across the air the silver sheepbell rang, "The lambs are them Along the little raod to Bethlehem. Beside an open door, as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby. She sang about As I walked down the road at set of sun, The lambs were coming homewards, one by one, I heard a sheepbell softly calling

Leonard Rowe, baritone

Family No. 4.

Female 30 years size 18-20, Male 9 years size 16-18, Female 7 years size 7, sho Male 2 years size 2-3, s

size 18-20, shoe size  $9\frac{1}{2}$ . size 16-18, shoe size 4. size 7, shoe  $12\frac{1}{2}$ . size 2-3, shoe size 8.

Children's Church today: Wilma Williamson and Brian Rose Children's Church next Sunday: Sue Brown and Rob Woody

Nursery today: Verona Danieley Nursery next Sunday: Lorene Lyon

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thurs.,	Wed.,	Tues.,	Mon.,	Sun•,
Dec. 14	Dec. 13	Dec. 12	Dec. 11	Dec. 10
7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal Boy Scout Troop 51 Court of Honor and Christmas Party	Board of Trustees Troop 51 Committee Meeting	Cub Scouts	Prayer Group	Church School Worship Service Habibat for Humanity House Dedication on 7th Street, Burlington Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program Caroling

Antonio Bivaldi

Reader, Shawn McKenna

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Music: Camdamus te from Gloria

We praise Thee, Lord. We adore, Thee, O Lord. We adore Thy Name.

Elizabeth Grubbs, soprano Ellen Williams, mezzo-soprano

The Third Aesson

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace.

Reader, Beverly Beyer

Congregational Mymn 103\* Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The Fourth Aesson

The Prophet foretells the advent desire of all nations.

Reader, Clair Myers

From the 17th Century Arranged by Mugo Jungst

While by my sheep I watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright. Refrain: How great my joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high. There shall be born, so he did say, In Bethlehem a Child today. Refrain. There shall He lie in manger mean, Who shall redeem the world from sin. Refrain. Lord, evermore to me be nigh, Then shall my heart be filled with joy! Refrain

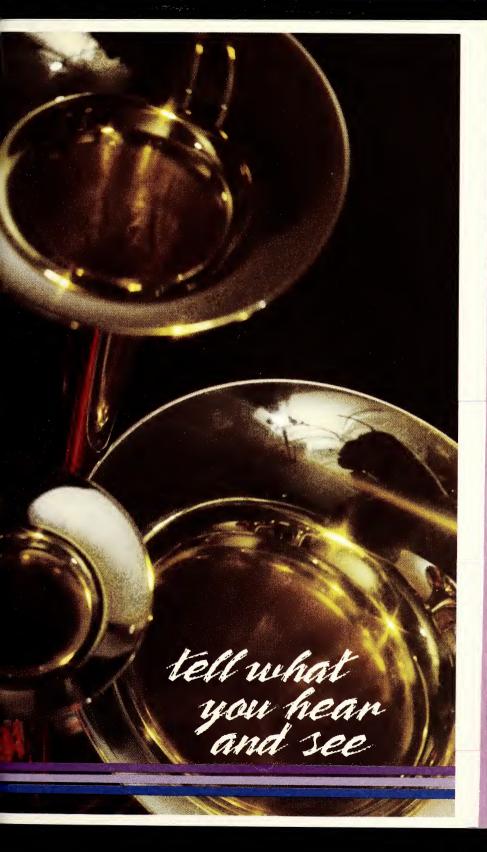
Zechariah IX, 9-10

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Haggai II, 6-9

Flan College Community Church December 10, 1989 

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor
Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster
Christy Harris and Matt Mayse, Acolytes Today

December 17, 1989

11:00 a

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Noël: "Take Heart, the Journey's Ended"
Charles Alexis Chau

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen
Introit "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Personent Ho
Arranged by Gustav Ho

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We have come from fighting the crowd at the shopping center.

P. We have come with the sound of Muzak carols ringing in our heads.

L. We have come from parties artificially gay.

P. We have come with our lists of things done and undone.

L. We have come seeking light brighter than the winking Christmas tree bulb.

P. We have come because God is coming, and in the midst of our frenetic activity, we want to be read

## PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

The Lighting of the Advent Candle The Acquilano Fam Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are anxious and ashamed. Too often we are shaped by our fears, not by faith. We have said and done things unworthy of our calling. Our thoughts have been s dominated by the past and the future that we have failed

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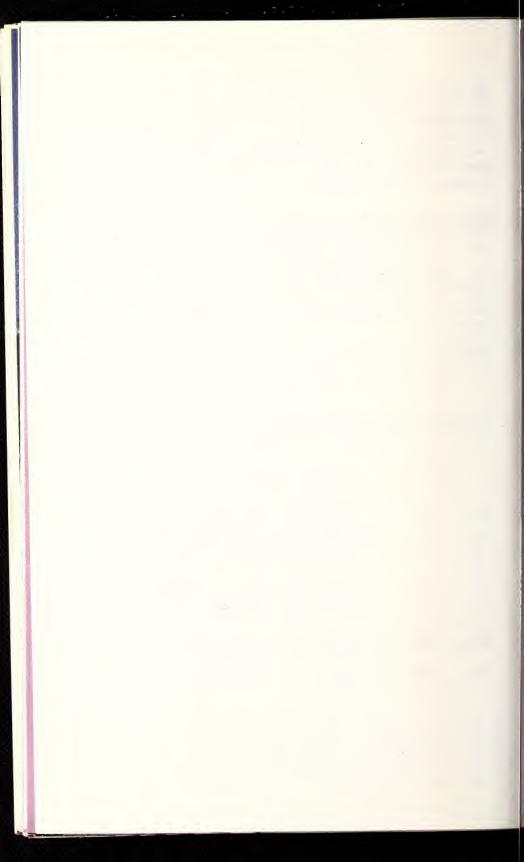
## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 17 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Congregational Meeting
3:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Children's
Christmas Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions

7:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Service

Mon., Dec. 18 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., Dec. 19 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts



## CHRISTMAS CHEER

Every year we pick four or five truly needy families in this area for Christmas Cheer. We buy them a complete turkey dinner plus staple grocery items. We also give them appropriate clothing and toys. We sincerely hope that any and all of you will donate clothing, toys, food or money as you are able. The Seekers' Classroom is the collection room at the Church.

Thank you, Elizabeth Parker

Family No. 1

size 12 to 18 months.	shirt 12, pants 12 or 14 regular, shop size 63	pants 30w/m length, shirt medium, shoe size 101	pants 32 medium, large shirt, show size 113	22½ dress, 8½ shoe size.	XXL shirt, pants 40w/30 length, 13 shoe size.	
7 months	years	years	16 years	years	years	
					36	
Girl	Boy	Boy	Boy	Fema le	Male	

## Family No. 2

slacks size 28 to 30, medium top, shoe size 6.	6 slim, 11½ shoe size.		28-34 pants, medium shirt, 44 coat, 10 shoe size.
Female 30 years	Male 5 years	Female 9 months	Male 28 years

## Family No. 3

29-30 pants, 8½ shoe size.	2½ shoe.	ize, 7	12 size, 5 shoe size.
years	8 years	years	Vears
33	<del>-</del> σ	$\square$	10
Male			

## Family No. 4

-20, shoe size $9\frac{1}{2}$ .	.18, shoe size 4.	size 7, shoe $12\frac{1}{2}$ .	3. shoe size 8.
size 18-20,	size 16-	size 7,	size 2-3
30 years	9 years	7 years	2 Vears
Female	Male	Female	Male

to live fully in the present. Our lives are filled with discontent, worry, and self-protective pursuits. We have not trusted you or let you set us on fire with good news. Forgive us. Change us. Inspire our caring and doing so we may bear fruit as your forgiven and forgiving children. Amen.

Time for Reflection and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Alleluia" from Cantata For Us A Child Is Born

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Alleluia! O praised be God, All raise your voices, Sing with thankful voices; Thou God today hast given us joy, Hold fast to Him and praise His name eternal.

A Time With Children

Beth Lyon

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Announcement of the Offering

Offertory "In Dulci Jubilo" (In Quiet Joy) Marcel Dupre

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #128 "In the Bleak Midwinter"
(Children first grade and younger leave for Children's
Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

Prayer and Choral Response

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

"The Most Neglected Beatitude"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Hymn #140

"What Child is This?"

Benediction

Choral Response "Every Star Shall Sing a Carol"

Sydney Carter

Postlude "Noel Grand Choeur" Jean-Jacques Charpentier
\*The congretation may stand at these points.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 1989 Matthew 11:4

In this season of giving, we hear Jesus' words, "Go tell what you see and hear." The gift of healing is given to be broken; the promise of hope rings in the hearts of the poor and forsaken. Christ bears these gifts as a servant, not as a ruler. You can be the bearer of a long-treasured gift through a hospital visit, volunteering among the poor, inviting a guest with no other family to join you in this season of joy, or through another gesture of caring. By your words and actions, tell the good news!

Rev. Timothy C. Downs St. John's United Church of Christ Allentown, PA

### REMEMBERING

Christmas is a time for remembering. With the gifts we wrap and place under the tree, we remember our loved ones. With the cards and letters we inscribe and send, we remember our closest friends.

As a family of faith, we in the United Church of Christ have chosen Christmas as a time for remembering our pastors and lay workers, too.

No one wants to think about unexpected illness or accidents, least of all at Christmas. But, because we have remembered our ministers at this time of year, our gifts to the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross can provide emergency help for them throughout the year.

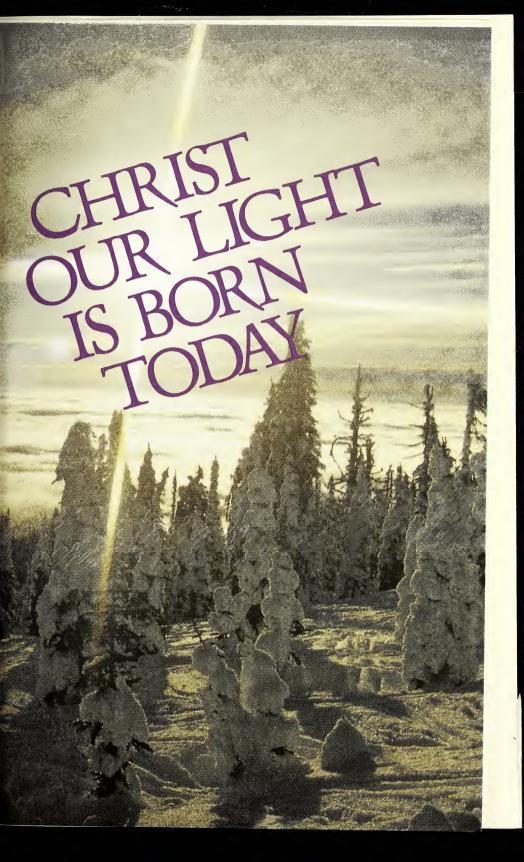
But that is only one of the ways that we remember our pastors

and their families through the Christmas Fund.

During this special season, retired pastors and surviving spouses, nominated by their conferences because of their special needs, are remembered with Christmas gift checks.

The Christmas Fund also helps retired pastors with supplements in cases of small pensions, and makes contributions toward the health insurance costs of qualified retired ministers and lay workers on low incomes.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews admonishes us, "Remember... those who spoke to you the word of God" (13:7). The Christmas Fund provides us with that opportunity.



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## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 17, 1989 7:00 p.

Prelude "Christmas Pastorale" Nicholas Jacaques Lemme

Invocation Dr. Irvi

Isaiah 2:1-5 Heidi Troxl

Anthem "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" setting by Paul O. Ma

Isaiah 11:1-10 Brian Rose and Rob Woo

Congregational Hymn #110 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Luke 1:26-38 Shawn McKen

Anthem "Tell Out My Love" Timothy Dudley-Smi

Luke 2:1-7 Brian Harp

Congregational Hymn #138 "Silent Night" Vs 1

Luke 2:8-14 Emily Woo

Congregational Hymn #116 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Luke 2:15-20 Ryan Harr

Congregational Hymn #132 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Benediction Dr. Irvi

Postlude "Now Sing We Now Rejoice" (In Dubilo Jubilo)

Mary Gabriel Joseph Innkeeper Vega Herold Marie Acquilano Scott Williamson Elizabeth Comer

**Animals** 

Lydia Troxler Meg Wilkins Sarah Hemphill Chris Causey

Child

David Brown

Angel Host

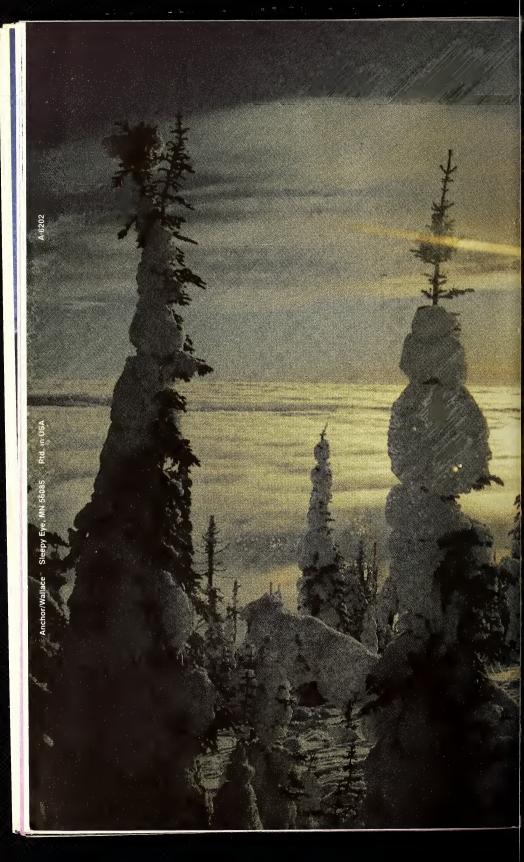
Elizabeth Lohr-Myers
Tara McKenna
Elizabeth Mayse
Alexa Lohr-Myers
Kimberly Acquilano
Hope Martin
Miranda Rich
Nicole Williamson

Shepherds and Warriors

Matthew Mayse
Matthew Woody
James David Comer
Greg Causey
Max Hemphill
Jeff Wilkins
Jeff Martin
Zach Welborn

Staging

Katie Brown Christy Rich Jamie Brown Beth Tickle Amy Rose Willy Herold Daniel Doyle





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Dr. Stephen G. Ten Eyck, Organist and Choirmaster Jamie Brown and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes today

December 24, 1989

11:00 a.r

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Wilbur Hel Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcements
Introit "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Responsive Call to Worship

L. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

P. The light shines even in the places where shadows touch our lives.

L. Rejoice, then, you people, for Christ's presence lives among us,

P. And brings light to our world.

## PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Lohr-Myers famil

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths

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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

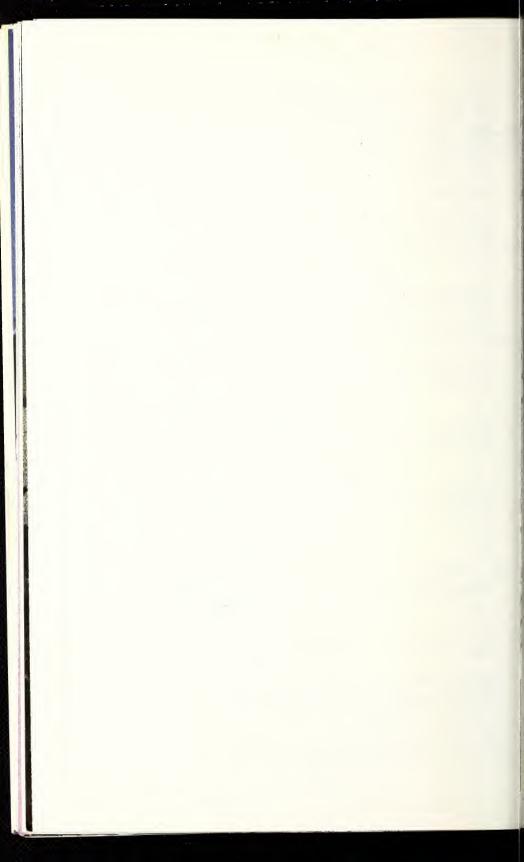
Sun., Dec. 24 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon. & Tues.,

Dec. 25 & 26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wed. - Fri.

Dec. 27 - 29 Youth Ski Retreat



of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred so glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.

ime for Reflection and Prayer

ssurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (#513)

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

nthem "Long Ago in Bethlehem" from
Three Moravian Carols

Phyllis Tate

Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

nnouncement of the Offering

ffertory "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Wilbur Held

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

ymn #134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

rayer and Choral Response

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

cripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

ermon

"Wonder Upon Wonder"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

ymn #130 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

enediction

horal Response "As the Father Loves Me" Ralph C. Shultz ostlude "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" Johann Walther

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 24, 1989 Matthew 1:21

"CALL HIS NAME JESUS"

Christmas is God's gift of an open future. Yes, we have gone contrary to God's will for us. We have not always cared for our neighbor as love requires. We have created a world of turmoil and strife. We have despoiled God's good earth. But God has not given up on us. Rather, God has come to us in Jesus, forgiven our sins, bolstered our courage, and shown us love's way. Therefore, our future is open. Love can prevail. Justice can be pursued. Hope for a better future remains God's possibility. "You shall call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins." Thank God for Christmas!

Father Octavio Ortiz of San Salvador is a shining witness to God's promised new day. Father Octavio was a simple man, a campesino who had dedicated his life to the people of San Salvador. His friends described his presence as "like the lifegiving rain that falls in a field of new corn." On January 20, 1979, Holy Thursday, Father Octavio was murdered, along with four young people, in the parish hall of St. Anthony Abbot in San

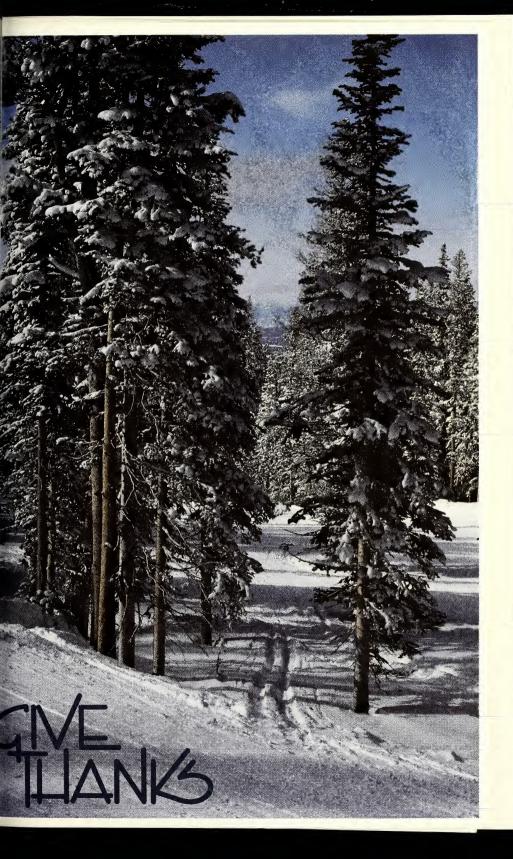
Salvador. Listen to his friends tell his story:

"He had been ordained a priest in our community and had celebrated his first mass with us. He was our great friend. We all felt close to him and now he was celebrating his last Eucharist, his Last Supper. His blood mixed with the blood of his young friends and the blood of the whole people in the greatest offering he could give God, the greatest proof of his love. This was not lost on the people who loved him. Soon they were singing, in the Eucharist: 'What a strange new morning! It was not the sun beyond the mountain, but the shining example of someone brave we knew. Someone who gave his innocent soul for the oppressed, and his life for his friends, that we, the blind, might see. Father Octavio has left this land, crushed by the fierce and the mighty like the prophets who go to heaven, as the poet sang. And this is our hope: That this blood won him glory! For he has opened a new history: The history of a New Person!"

Jesus, the child of Bethlehem, has opened a new history for us all. Born in a stable. Friend of all God's people. Courageous and faithful, even unto death. Our risen Lord. In him and through him our lives are restored and our spirits renewed. Christmas is indeed God's gift of an open future. Accept God's gift and live in

anticipation of God's new day.

Paul H. Sherry, President United Church of Christ



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December 31, 1989

11:00 a.

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "The First Nowell" arr. Gordon You Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Introit "What Star is This?" Michael Praetori

Responsive Call to Worship

L. It is over now: the shopping and wrapping, the baking and celebrating.

P. The Christmas rush is behind us.

L. But the meaning of Christmas goes on and on.

P. The Lord of Christmas is here among us!

L. Let us worship the Lord of Christmas!

## PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #141

"The First Nowell"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Messick fami

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we have failed you in the past. We have cared more about ourselves than about your world. We have sought our own comfort while others suffered. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have prayed too little, rejoiced too seldom, and given thanks too half-heartedly. Forgive us, O God, and help us to be different in the coming year. Let the ministry begun in your Son be continued in us, that the whole world may be converted to your ways. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 1.

Articles for the TORCH are due Tuesday Morning, January 2.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2.

Children's Church today: Lou Harper and Jamie Brown

Nursery today: Heidi Danieley

Nursery next Sunday: Kristin Wilkins

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 31 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., Jan. 1 Church Office Closed

Tues., Jan. 2 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Jan. 4 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Board of Christian Ed

Time for Reflection and Prayer Assurance of Pardon Gloria Patri (#513)

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "The Apple Tree" K. Lee Scott "The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ, the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel; by faith I know, but cannot tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasures dearly I have bought. I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil; here I will sit and rest awhile; under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ, the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree."

Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

nnouncement of the Offering

ffertory "Away In A Manger" arr. Gordon Young

oxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

ymn #142 "Unto Us a Boy Is Born!" (Children first grade and younger leave for Children's Church downstairs during the final stanza of the hymn)

rayer and Choral Response

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

cripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

ermon

"Under a Shadow"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

mn 454 "Great God, We Sing the Mighty Hand"

enediction

noral Response "Now the Silence"

Carl Schalk

stlude

"From Heaven Above" arr. Wilbur Held

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 1989 Psalm 111:1

When we were but small children, in our bedtime prayers we placed ourselves in the care of angels through the night. We also began to trust that, like the Holy Family, we would be protected from any harm, even in the threat of danger. Yet violence does occur, and we may feel betrayed. But, even then, we are protected. God's presence leads us away from despair to wholeness while yet in the midst of suffering. We, too, are members of God's Holy Family who are led to sanctuary and given wholeness. Praise God! Give Thanks!

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#### GENETIC ENGINEERING

In the long debate between science and religion, science has usually won. The church condemned Copernicus, Galileo, and Darwin; today, only fundamentalists still endorse geocentrism and creationism.

The issue of genetic engineering—the systematic modification of the hereditary apparatus of living organisms—could become another case of conflict between science and religion.

But not because of resistance from the United Church of Christ. In the words of the Pronouncement on The Church and Genetic Engineering approved by General Synod last summer, we are a "people of faith and science" who "delight in new knowledge of nature. . . . Genetic engineering opens new ways for people of compassion to help those in need. With caution and yet with great hopefulness, we welcome its development. . . . "

This measured affirmation comes only after extended study. In 1983, General Synod called for a consultation on genetic engineering which was held a year later in Berkeley, California. In 1985, a public policy conference explored the implications of genetic engineering for health care. A task force worked for two years on the Pronouncement adopted by General Synod last summer.

Scientific knowledge and technology in the field of genetic engineering are developing faster than general understanding of the subject. That makes it even more imperative that members of the United Church of Christ continue to gather for disciplined study of the topic, and the accompanying moral questions and decisions that may be necessary. We support these programs with our gifts to Our Chur 19186

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